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Who's Who and What's What

We notice that in Hattiesburg on Sunday afternoon a sacred concert was given at one of the theaters and an offering made for the storm sufferers.

We are glad to learn that the reference to the death of Mrs. C. E. Welch of Memphis was an error. Our misinformation came through an exchange usually careful and reliable. Brother Welch gives us the glad news that Mrs. Welch has sufficiently recovered to be taken home, seems to be gradually improving and it is hoped she will soon be well again.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports total receipts for Southwide objects in March were \$88,490.55. Of this amount \$44,176.94 came for the Cooperative Program, \$27,560.06 were designated and \$16,753.55 were through the Hundred Thousand Club for Southwide debts. Mississippi sent in March \$3,002.49 for Southwide objects. Of this \$1,117.81 went to the Cooperative Program, \$994.25 designated and \$888.43 through the Hundred Thousand Club.

The Daniel Baptist Church located on the Terry Road four miles south of Jackson held its first service in their new church building Sunday, April 12. There were large crowds at both evening and morning services, with six additions; three for baptism and three by letter. This is the youngest church in the Hinds-Warren Association and has an unusually bright future. We are grateful to all those who aided in the construction of our building, especially the help received from the State Board.—Pastor R. E. McPheeters.

Baptists of Mississippi will give up with regret Rev. A. F. Crittendon who goes to be pastor of Ponca City, Oklahoma. He is a native of Tennessee, but most of his work has been in Mississippi, first at Indianola, then at Brookhaven, then as Enlistment Secretary for the Convention Board. He has a true pastor's heart and has shown the quality of leadership in his work. His impress will abide. He has courage to have convictions, and is loyal in his advocacy of them. We commend him heartily to the Oklahoma brethren, and shall follow his work with interest. His wife is a strong factor in his success already attained.

Four young men from Mississippi are among those graduating April 26-28 from the Louisville Seminary. They are Leo Green of Tupelo, who is one of two members of the class who speak at commencement; J. Felix Arnold of Shannon; C. M. Day of Oxford, and Lucian C. Pinnix of Hamilton. There are 74 expecting to receive degrees. Dr. Wallace Bassett preaches the sermon, Dr. L. L. Gwaltney of Alabama delivers the alumni address, and Dr. H. H. McMillan, missionary to China, gives the missionary address. The address of President Sampey to the graduating class concludes the program. There have been enrolled this year 387 men from 31 states and ten foreign countries. For the past eleven months 3,635 conversions have been reported as a result of their ministry.

In First Church, Hattiesburg, during the first quarter 46 were added to the church, and no special revival services were held. On the first Sunday night in April one was baptized, one received for baptism and one by letter. The Sunday offering on Mission Day was \$41.83.

I am delighted to announce as my successor at Johnston Station church, the Rev. John Sproles. It has been my delightful privilege to serve these good people for the past six years, during which time there were 74 additions. I gave up the work there in order to give my time to Hickory Ridge and Rock Bluff churches in Rankin County. May God continue to bless these good people and their fine pastor.—A. W. Talbert.

A month ago we made mention of wholesale arrests in Little Rock, Arkansas, of liquor law violators. As is known, the state of Arkansas sells liquor through the licensing system. And this method of handling the liquor business was done "in the interest of temperance," and "to put the blind-tiger out of business." Now comes the report in the daily papers that another raid has been conducted in Little Rock in which 43 arrests were made with the promise of more to come. And the whiskey advocates are sitting back and laughing at the simplicity of those who believed their promises that liquor would be controlled.

The trustees of the Baptist Children's Home in Jackson at their meeting Sunday elected Mr. W. G. Mize as superintendent of the orphanage. He has been for some time acting superintendent and has evidently given satisfaction to the trustees and they have put the responsibility of the management on him. He is thoroughly familiar with the workings and needs of the institution and has in his wife a capable assistant. The ordinary needs of the orphanage are now being taken care of, but there will soon be need of new buildings as the care of the old buildings becomes an increasing burden. And there is a large number of orphan children over the state who have not been admitted hitherto for lack of room and adequate support.

We are in receipt of minutes of New Choctaw Association for 1935 and have come nearer reading them through than any we have ever had. This is an association of Choctaw "Indians," made up of ten Baptist churches, nine of them reporting. The record is interesting and in some respects pathetic. These people are poor and scattered and are lacking in training. The churches are in Leake and Neshoba Counties. They have six ordained preachers and one licensed. This was their twenty-fourth session, and continued for three days. They had three sermons, and reports on about every phase of the work. They have some Sunday schools and some work among the women. Their collections were of course small. But they included foreign missions, home missions, state missions and education. Their offerings seem to go to the boards of the white people, and are not confined to the Choctaws. One subject included is "queries," from the churches, such as white associations once had. There were four white preachers present in their meetings: brethren McAdory, Crittendon, Goodrich and Derrick. These Choctaws specially commended the Baptist Record and the Baptist Bible Institute.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

This one thing we do, pay our debts.

LETTER TO PASTORS

Dear Brother Pastor:

The spiritual tides have been rising since 1933. This rise has been indicated in many ways. But one which is very noticeable is the increase in contributions for the support of the Lord's work. In 1933 receipts reached their lowest mark at \$100,000.00. In 1934 they rose to \$157,000.00. Last year they rose to \$182,000.00. This year on the 9th of April they had reached \$63,000.00. This is an increase of \$13,500.00 over receipts to that date 1935. April receipts are in advance of April for last year up to this date, April 11th.

Receipts at present, however, do not begin to meet the needs, even the obligations already made by our Mississippi Baptist Convention, to say nothing of the opportunities which confront us on every side. It will be possible, nevertheless, to meet the obligations upon our Convention by the close of the year, provided the increase thus far in receipts can be maintained until the close of the year. And the spirit of our people at this time is such as to cause them to provide the funds if they know of the needs and are given adequate opportunity to make contributions. The truthfulness of this statement is based upon observation. Even the Chinese of our State, so long neglected by us, are manifesting the grace of giving beyond our fondest hopes. Churches here and there also throughout the State are breaking records in their giving. Some are approaching the high mark reached during the Seventy-Five Million Campaign. This is encouraging beyond measure.

April for many years has been one of our best months. It can be so this year. With abounding prosperity our gifts this year should go at least fifty per cent beyond the gifts of last year. What we do in April will have much to do with the record for the year. Anticipating the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in May with the closing of the books April 30th, and reflecting upon God's goodness during the past months, those who have escaped floods and storms should not only pay their tithes, but should make thank offerings before the close of this month in order that the Lord's work may be reinforced everywhere.

There is no member of a church so honored as is the pastor. Paul speaks of him as being in Christ's stead. He is represented as the leader of the flock. The sheep hear his voice and follow him. As he follows Christ, the sheep follow him. This is usually true in giving as well as in living. The pastor who gives his tithe through his church is doing a constructive work. Let us, therefore, strive to see that by the last Sunday in April there is no tithe in the pockets of preachers and people. Let us rededicate ourselves this month to the cause which makes a nation great and which makes a people happy.

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Sparks and Splinters

In 18 years pastorate at Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Dr. Wallace Bassett has baptized 7,589 people.

Of 1,032 people who lost license to drive a car for one year in North Carolina, all but two were on account of drunken driving. From Charlotte, N. C., News.

Evangelist B. R. Lakin of West Virginia and Singer R. A. Walker are in the third week of a great meeting with the Second Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tenn. Some are being saved at most every service. Rev. E. A. Cox is the pastor.

Brother T. J. McIlwain, Waynesboro Rt. 4, sends in his renewal with the assurance of his love for the Record. He is 77 years old and last year suffered the loss of his life companion. Even down to all age, all His people shall prove His sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love.

Word and Way says that if the country continues the same pace as last year, increasing the amount of beer consumed and decreasing the amount of milk the boast of the brewers will soon be realized to take the business away from the dairymen.

Dr. M. E. Dodd announces a pre-convention pastors' conference to be held in the Centenary Methodist Church, St. Louis, beginning Wednesday morning, May 13. The program will emphasize evangelism. Speakers and topics will be announced later.—J. M. McIver, Secy.

Pastor N. R. Stone had Rev. Lowrey Compere with him in a meeting at Forty-first Avenue Church, Meridian, which closed Sunday night. Ten were baptized. By collecting birthday offerings from a number of members this church sent recently \$17.25 as their quarterly offering to the Orphanage.

The monthly conference of pastors in the Southwestern part of the state includes Devotional by Mark Lowry; Reports of Pastors, Variety in Worship discussed by P. S. Rogers; Sermon by R. R. Jones; Devotional by J. B. Hunt; Pastor and People by D. O. Horne, and a message by E. K. Cox from the Old Testament.

Former students, friends, and faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute will have their annual Convention Breakfast at the Mayfair Hotel, Eighth and St. Charles, St. Louis, Missouri, on Friday morning, May 15, at 7:30. The price of the breakfast will be 65c, and tickets for the breakfast will be on sale at the Baptist Bible Institute booth.—W. W. Hamilton, President.

The Pastors' and Laymen's Bible Conference of Southeast Mississippi meets for two days at First Church, Laurel, April 20-21. Studies in Malachi will be conducted by Dr. L. G. Gates, in Galatians by Pastor M. S. Varnado, in Philippians by W. L. Compere. Jack Perkins will have charge of the singing. Devotionals led by G. S. Jenkins, I. E. Farr, J. H. Cothen. Sermons by R. H. Smith, L. E. Green, Troy Sumrall and P. I. Lipsey. There will be three sessions each day, morning, afternoon and evening. The people of Laurel will entertain on the Harvard plan, bed and breakfast.

We are glad to correct an omission in a recent issue of the Record which published the names of those voting on the six weeks divorce bill. The following letter from Representative Elmer E. McCoy is self explanatory: "I notice in last week's issue of the Baptist Record in giving the ones who voted for and against the divorce bill my name was left out. This of course would impress the public that I was among the fifty-five who did not vote at all, and I am proud of my record to the extent that I want the world to know how I stood and voted on everything. Especially do I want it known how I stood and voted on such a pernicious bill as the six weeks divorce bill. I voted loudly against it. I know this was just an error and that you will be glad to correct it. I never missed a roll call during the entire session."

Conversions reported in services held by students in the Baptist Bible Institute in the past year number 1,628, and there were 1,050 additions by baptism.

Mrs. H. M. Bennett retires from the presidency of the Louisiana W. M. U. after six years of fruitful service, and is succeeded by Mrs. M. L. Jenkins.

Shreveport Baptist churches conduct simultaneous evangelistic meetings April 27-May 1. Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis will be with Pastor Jno. Caylor at Highland Church.

Home Coming Day at Mississippi Woman's College brought together representatives of nearly every class since the beginning and the heartiest response to the endowment campaign. Everything goes triumphantly on.

The W. M. U. Convention in Jackson last week not only protested against movie shows for the benefit of storm sufferers, but provided for a relief fund by a special program in First Church Friday night.

Charity and Children suggests that if people who visited the storm stricken area to see the devastation, had put the cost of the trip into the relief fund it would have helped mightily. Maybe they were stirred to give by what they saw.

If in Virginia, then what? It is said that of 18,434 students in Virginia high schools, 16,000 could not name three prophets of the Old Testament, 12,000 could not name the four gospels, 10,000 could not name three of Christ's disciples. Try this on your high school, and let us know the result.

Pastor W. R. Haynie of Durant and Singer Stanley Armstrong of Memphis, began a two weeks' meeting April 12th with Dr. V. H. Coffman and Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, Ark. The church has nineteen hundred members and an auditorium seating fifteen hundred. — W. R. Haynie.

In eight years, the worst financial period in the history of our country the indebtedness of the Baptist Bible Institute has been reduced from \$353,000 to \$215,400. Will you not join in prayer that the Lord will now send substantial help to the Institute that the indebtedness may be wiped out and a good endowment secured?

Pastor J. H. Cothen has resigned at Richton to accept a call to Brainerd Church in Chattanooga. We are sorry to lose him from Mississippi as he is the sort of man you do not pick up every day. He has fitted excellently into the situation in his part of the state and has rendered these churches a great service. May the Father's blessing continue with him.

On April sixth the endowment workers for Mississippi Woman's College sat down to lunch and about one hundred and fifty of them planned the campaign. General Chairman G. M. McWilliams sounded an optimistic note and the Hattiesburg chairman, T. F. Dreyfus, saw victory ahead for the local workers; as did also Mrs. Fischel, woman's chairman. Dr. W. E. Holcomb announced that the faculty and student body had contributed more than \$10,000. Every student subscribed except three who were sick. The Senior class subscribed \$1,546; Juniors \$790.00; Sophomores \$489.00; and Freshmen \$483.00.

We give this week or next an article by Dr. J. W. Newbrough on the Rescue Mission in New Orleans. We do not know of anything that is more in line with the mind and work of the Master. Here the wrecks of humanity are being saved and set on their way. Men and women are lifted out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay and put upon a rock and a new song in their mouths. The house for this work is provided by the Home Mission Board, but every cent for support must come from voluntary gifts from those who want to help save lost men and women. We have three great Southern Baptist institutions in New Orleans, the Rescue Mission, the Southern Baptist Hospital and the Baptist Bible Institute; these three, and the greatest of these is—?

Brother D. A. McCall is this week helping Pastor Otis Jones in a meeting at Bude.

W. L. Head preached his farewell sermon at Pelahatchie Sunday. We do not know his plans for the future.

Professor Roebuck who has taught two years at Star, will be principal of the Brandon High School next year.

Dr. J. C. Austin resigns as vice-president of Georgetown College in Kentucky, giving as his reason "changed conditions."

A prominent church has adopted uniform robes for members of the choir, to avoid "clash of color." We believe in harmony in a choir.

Putting biscuits in the oven will not cook them unless you have a fire in the stove. And getting sinners to church won't save them unless the church is surcharged with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor W. C. Howard of Forest supplies at Water Valley for Pastor J. M. Metts on April 26. The pulpit will be supplied May 3 by brother R. B. Patterson of Calhoun City.

Dr. E. F. Estes, pastor of West Broadway Church, Louisville, Ky., has just closed a ten days' meeting with the Durant church and Pastor W. R. Haynie. There were fifteen professions of faith and several by letter; church greatly revived, entire community made God-conscious.

The National Prohibition Convention will be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 5, 6 and 7. This is in every way a good place for a convention. Low railroad rates will be available. A prohibition candidate for the presidency will be nominated. Those who plan to attend would do well to write to Prohibition National Committee, 82 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

"Fire wood" will never keep you warm lying out in the yard, not even if it is "fat pine." You will have to put it in the fire place and kindle a fire under it. And all the books of instruction and training, all the tracts and study courses will not awaken the Christian life and set Christian energy to work. That takes the Holy Spirit come down from heaven. This will not only make your "light wood" blaze, but it will make your black gum logs glow.

The Annual Southwide Baptist Student Retreat will be held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 10-18, 1936. The first session is Wednesday night, June 10, while the closing session will be Thursday night, June 18. The meeting will be addressed by such speakers as Dr. S. D. Gordon, Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Dr. C. Roy Angell, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, and others, affording an opportunity for world vision, personal re-dedication, and Christian fellowship. The attendance will, of necessity, be limited to 1,000.

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OXFORD

It has been my pleasure and privilege for the past week to be with Dr. F. M. Purser and Oxford Baptists in a meeting with that church.

I have never had a more satisfactory and delightful meeting for the length of time in all my life. Dr. Purser and his organizations had labored for some time prior to the meeting contacting prospects and conducting cottage prayer meetings. The revival meeting resulted in thirty-six additions with approximately half of them by profession of faith.

Mr. Auber J. Wilds had charge of the music and made a great contribution with his fine spirit and able leadership. Surely Mr. Wilds is a great contribution to the Oxford church and to the state at large.

The efficient and spiritual leadership of Dr. Purser along with his consecrated personality have been used of God to lead this church in a very constructive work. I found the situation at Oxford bearing the marks of a most excellent ministry, a large portion of which is attributed to Mrs. Purser who is to be counted among our very best workers.

I shall be grateful for a long while that God sent me to labor with this pastor, Mr. Wilds, and First Baptist Church.

Sincerely,
Wm. McMurry.



CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary

CLAUD B. BOWEN, Educational Secretary

INABELLE C. COLEMAN, Editorial Secretary

HINDRED BY BAD WEATHER—The fearful weather throughout the South during the month of February seriously interfered with all of the work in the churches. The receipts for the Co-operative Program were greatly curtailed, we are sure, in many places. However, we are glad to report that the receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for our current fund showed an increase of \$15,856.92 over the month of February, 1935. We hope that the month of March will show a decided upward trend.

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PROGRESS IN PALESTINE—Rev. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens of Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Palestine, are due to come home on furlough in May. From a letter just received from Palestine we quote the following interesting item:

"After assuring you of our love and thanks, we should like to give you some special items for your prayer-list as you think of Palestine and Syria during this new year. First off all, here at Haifa, we have in training two young men whom we believe God has called into the work of the gospel ministry. One of them comes from the old home-town of the Master, Nazareth, the other from the hills of Lebanon. Since last autumn we have been bending every energy towards leading these young 'Timothys' in the study of the Bible, and in giving them other training necessary in the work of the ministry. You may easily imagine that this new task has taken no little of our time and thought and energy. But it has been happy work. These young men have given, and are giving us much cause for rejoicing. They themselves have been a great encouragement, among many discouragements. We believe that God has put His hand on them, and that He is going to use them, and they will prove a great value in our work. In them, and in others like them, must rest our hopes for a far-reaching evangelistic program in the future. We earnestly ask that you pray for them constantly, as well as for the rest of us. These young men have much in their favor, but they need the blessing of God upon them and their labors if they are to be successful, and we do covet your prayers in their behalf. They will have entire charge of the work here at Haifa while the Owens family is on furlough, and this will be no small responsibility for them with so little training. There will be temptations, days of trial, and days of discouragement, and they will sorely miss the help and guidance of an older missionary."

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LOTTIE MOON OFFERING—We are glad to report that the sum total received from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering up to March 15 was \$235,817.50. Other funds reported in transit will bring the total to more than \$240,000.00.

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CHENGCHOW HOSPITAL—Dr. Sanford E. Ayers reports the re-opening of the hospital at Chengchow, China, early in the new year. This hospital was looted by bandits ten years ago and has been closed all these years. All the furnishings, equipment and instruments were stolen. The gift of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South have made possible the re-opening of this hospital at one of the most strategic railroad centers in China. Miss Genevieve Trainham, a trained nurse, of Virginia, was appoint-

ed for the Chengchow hospital at the October meeting of the Board. We need another doctor for Chengchow and everything in the way of supplies and equipment is needed.

From a letter just received from the Chengchow station we quote as follows:

"Our hospital staff is small in number but great in loyalty. Dr. Timothy L. Yu, who was connected with Baptist hospital work in Shantung last year, is rendering a satisfactory service with us in Chengchow. The services of a well-trained native pharmacist, native accountant, four native graduate nurses, nine student nurses, an evangelist and a Bible-woman have been secured. With this force of helpers the work in Chengchow has been carried on. A beginning also has been made in Kaifeng through the clinic which is held there twice each week. Though more than a thousand out-patients have been seen and about seventy in-patients have been treated during the last three months, the formal opening of the hospital will not take place until sometime early in the year 1936."

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MISS SHUMATE'S NEW HOME—The Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia gave us \$2,500.00 for a home for Miss Margie Shumate on the Shiu Hing field in South China. Miss Shumate has been living for years in a native Chinese house that was wholly inadequate and uncomfortable. Showing her appreciation of the new home she writes:

"The Board has sent us money to build a new home which is now in process of construction. I cannot say what the inside will be like after we get it finished and furnished, but looking at it from the outside, I think it is the prettiest missionary residence in our South China Mission. We have no veranda as most of the missionary residences have, for there was no room to build it, but we have a nice little room on top of the building which serves as sleeping porch, and a flat roof on either side. When we get settled down you must all come to see us.

"The new home is being built on the same location where the Chinese building which I formerly occupied was located. I am now temporarily living in an upstairs room of a building belonging to the church. All of my worldly possessions in Sun Hing are piled up around me in one room, and not only mine, but those of Lai Wai Ching as well. Besides our bedroom furniture, our cupboard and dishes and pots and pans and sweet potatoes, and just everything are piled around in the room. I keep my stove under the bed. In the old house, my quarters were very cramped and when I did not need my oven for baking, I hung it up on a beam overhead. My oven is of such a nature that one can hang it on the wall or put it under the bed or put it wherever is convenient.

"Besides having a surplus of furniture in the room, I usually have from one to three or four other occupants, and the place is always dirty. Everything is covered with lime dust and the floor is always littered up, for the builders are working next door, and there are carpenters in the room below which has only a dirt floor, and so the people who constantly come to my room when I am here carry dirt and bits of shavings on their feet. Everything is inconvenient, but in a few weeks the new house will be finished and I will move in it and forget all about the present discomforts."

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Receipts for March, 1936

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	\$ 30,167.66
DESIGNATED GIFTS	11,108.37
DEBT ACCOUNT	11,494.55
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING	5,512.05
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	6,936.17
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65,218.80

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EVANGELISM IN ARGENTINA—In every letter from our missionaries in Argentina there are heartening evidences of a widespread revival in all the churches. Missionary T. B. Hawkins reports that the native churches are getting behind the work of going out into the "regions beyond" in a most gratifying way.

"This year we have had some developments in the work that have been out of the ordinary and have been very interesting. For some years we and the Blairs have been feeling that some concerted effort should be made toward a more extensive evangelization of the territory included in our Association or as we call it 'Concentracien.' We have talked about it in several mission meetings and the Mission was in sympathy, but there was always the lack of money. So the years passed and nothing was done. This year, in talking the matter over with some of the native brethren, we came to the conclusion that we should not wait longer on what the Mission could do, but make an effort to do something at least, counting on contributions from the churches of the Concentracien. The Concentracien appointed a good evangelistic committee. I was appointed President of the Committee and Pastor Pable Broda secretary. We made a visit to all the churches and presented the matter and took a collection. We got about \$200.00 Argentina pesos, and the promise on part of the churches to contribute a monthly offering."

Brother Hawkins gives the results of the special evangelistic efforts of the Associational leaders as follows:

"We have been able to reach a goodly number of new towns where the gospel has never been preached. And we will continue to work until the weather gets too cold along toward the last of March. We expect to reach a total of eighteen towns before the season is over. And this is just the beginning, as there are more than seventy towns in our section where the gospel has never been preached.

"We have been using a mixture of preachers. Two brethren who are local preachers helped some. At present we are using a seminary graduate who has not yet gotten a church. I have preached in a few of the series. The other pastors have already done some. We will have an appreciated helper in brother V. L. David, who is coming up this way.

"The churches have continued to respond, and we have actually on hand about as much as when we started."

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Robt. L. Cooper, evangelistic singer, is just out of a good meeting at Olustee, Okla. His services are available for two weeks beginning Sunday the 19th.

EDITORIALS

OUR RESCUE MISSION

The Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans is a going business that grows as it goes. Like trees and rivers it started small, but had back of it the "Go" of the great commission. And for foundation and security against failure the Lord's "I will be with you." From the highways and hedges, from the streets and alleys of the city we have sought to bring them in, the poor, the maimed, the halt, the blind. The stranger at the gate has been welcomed. The wounded man on the road to Jericho that had fallen among thieves, we are trying to be his neighbor. Mary Magdalene too has found us and we have found a place for her. And the woman that some thought ought to be stoned found she could trust us to befriend her. Here also the prodigal son came to himself and started on the road that leads to home and Heaven. And the wandering husband who like the man of Gadara was unfit to stay at home here met the Lord in the way, and now clothed and in his right mind is back at home telling of what great things the Lord has done for him.

They come, they go. An endless procession. The world is full of sin, sorrow, broken character and broken lives leading to broken homes and broken hearts. And this Mission is on their highway, and daily, nightly, they are at our doors. Shelter is given them from the cold and rain and wholesome food for their underfed bodies. Then nightly in an atmosphere of song and prayer we tell them of the compassionate Savior, nor in vain, for since the first of last November we have had almost four hundred and fifty of them to tell us they have found Him as their own helping Friend and Savior, and with new purpose and new strength they have entered on a new and victorious road.

Under what we believe to be the gracious leading of the Lord we now have a well adapted building of eighteen rooms for housing our Woman's Emergency Home. Here by the help of the Lord we hope to do something worthwhile in meeting that other unending procession for which until now we have made no provision. Unless our hearts are of stone we must weep over these tragedies. But tears are not enough. We need to prove our sympathy for the weak and fallen to be Christlike by doing what Christ would have us do.

This work fills our hearts and hands. Will you not join yours with ours? It is an investment for Heaven and eternity. It is a business that has Jesus for its Head, and therefore cannot fail. But your sympathies, prayers and contributions are indispensable. Being the work of the Home Mission Board it is in competition with nothing, antagonizes nothing but helps every other department. Dependent always on voluntary contributions it must look to God and its friends for ability to go on enlarging its services to these needy classes.

In His name,

J. W. Newbrough, Supt.

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One out of eight of all the people in the United States are still said to be receiving aid from the federal or local government. Was it ever worse than this in the days of Rome's decline?

Mussolini seems on the point of having his way in Ethiopia. But what will happen in Italy in the near future is another matter. With the price of the necessities of life out of reach of the people there is certain to be trouble ahead.

The Christian Index says: "The church, if it is to survive the changes imminent in our social order, must lead the state, the universities and the radical organizations whose strident voices are heard above the soft-pedaling of our pulpits and our religious presses in love and mercy. The light and truth coming from His Holy Word is becoming more and more effulgent. Apostolic daring is called for."

WHY THE DRIFT AWAY FROM DEMOCRACY

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That there is a drift away from democracy, and has been for a decade or more is manifest to everybody who reads and thinks. President Wilson was a great statesman and one of the finest inventors of slogans this country ever had. He said among other fine things that we were fighting in the world war to make the world safe for democracy. And for the first five years after the war ended it looked like the world was going to enjoy a period of freedom from autocrats and all their kinfolks. Crowns fell and tumbled into the discard in Europe to the number of a score or more. When business was bad, the king of Sweden humorously remarked to a group of business men that the king business was about the worst of any.

But the tide turned. What seemed to be a victory for democracy in Russia turned into a vicious rule of a vicious minority. Then came fascism in Italy. Then came Hitlerism or Natzism in Germany, autocracy in Turkey, in Austria, return of the monarchy in Greece and on and on. But the concentration of power into the hands of a few people was not confined to countries on the other side of the Atlantic. Whether we approve it or not, the same thing happened in America. And Louisiana and Georgia and South Carolina have joined the procession.

We are not mentioning any of this now as a criticism. We are simply recording history. We explain it away, apologize for it or justify it by saying we were or are in an emergency. Even so; the peoples of the various countries in Europe say the same thing and say it truly. There seems to have been an almost universal emergency, or an epidemic of emergencies. And we are getting used to them.

Recently in conversation with a high state official he justified and defended the putting in to the hands of the Governor powers and privileges which are usually distributed among other officials or left in the hands of the people, on the ground that you must have someone whom you can hold responsible. Just as samples (not mentioned to find fault with them now but as matters of history) the Governor was given control of the state institutions, educational, eleemosynary and all the way out. He was told to go ahead and appoint the Highway Commission. Again, we are not criticizing the action, we are simply citing history. From Alemande to Zamzabar, they are all at it. From Japan to Mississippi, everybody's doing it.

In some cases it is accepted as a fact accomplished and allowed because we can't help it. In most cases it is accepted as the best under the circumstances by a majority of the people. The people in America throw up their hats at the voice of the White House and in Moscow they yell themselves hoarse at the mention of Stalin.

Have you stopped to think why we have turned from democracy to the rule of one man. The answer is not hard to find: we are afraid to trust the people. That obtains whether it refers to a highway commission or a promise not to plant over a certain acreage in cotton. It is a lack of confidence.

This is just another way of saying our moral standards have broken down, and moral principles are weak and moral sanctions are not adequate. Democracy is based upon belief in people. Confidence in people is based upon moral character and intelligence, but principally on moral character.

Democracies have always been experiments and have nearly always been a failure. Not that we do not believe in democracy. We believe in it to the bottom of our souls. We believe in it in a Baptist church (where it seems to be falling into some sort of desuetude) and we believe in it in every social and political organization. But democracy has been a failure more often than a success. Rome was a republic, but it changed overnight. Greece was a democracy but it faded before the breath of the Macedonian Philip. The

churches of Jesus Christ were all of them originally democracies, but in three hundred years they had become largely an ecclesiastical overlordship and in 600 years there was a papal despotism.

The same reason for failure was behind them all. The failure of moral character in the constituents. When every man did that which was right in his own eyes rather than in the sight of God, then come a king and all his retinue. And the retinue is always increased taxes. If people won't do right of themselves then they have to be made to do right, and they have to pay heavily those who make them do right.

The cure for it all? The restoration of moral character, the erection of the standard of righteousness. And this is the task of the churches, of Christian people, of Christian ministers, of the gospel of Christ. The cure for all these ills, of all other ills, is a revival of religion in our churches which will make men love righteousness and hate iniquity, that will make them abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. We are in sore need of it. Are you praying every day for the awakening in our churches, the turning to God, calling upon Him, cleaving to Him, following hard after Him? It is not enough to know the remedy we must apply it. A drug store full of medicine, and a doctor who knows the remedy for every disease will never raise up a patient who doesn't follow the prescription.

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See brother A. J. Wilds' announcement in this issue about the Statewide B. T. U. Conference in Jackson, at Calvary Church, April 24-25.

T. B. Lackey was elected General Missionary by the Oklahoma Board, succeeding T. B. Holcomb, recently killed in an automobile wreck.

St. Paul's M. E. Church, Helena, Montana, recently refused \$500 offered by a brewer for rebuilding their church house after the earthquake.

Edw. Bok said that his grandmother taught them, "Wherever your lives may be cast, make you the world a bit more beautiful and better because you have lived in it." Thank God there are those who do.

If at all possible, go to the Convention in St. Louis. It will be a liberal education, a spiritual inspiration. It will be difficult to find a place or way where you will get more for your money. Make your hotel reservation.

Pastor J. R. Reedy of Lumberton will have Dr. J. M. Walker of Aberdeen with him in a revival meeting beginning May 24. Pray with them. This church will have its full quota of members of the Five Thousand Club.

The devil hasn't quit attempting the role of angel of light. We had the Moderation League supported by the liquor devil and now in Oklahoma and perhaps elsewhere the devil has started an organization called the "Temperance League." He is still stealing the livery of heaven to beguile people into hell.

Dr. E. B. Hatcher of Blue Mountain has been so long in Mississippi that we all count him one of us, and there was no expectation among us but that he was to be identified with our people to the end. He came to be pastor at Blue Mountain a good many years ago, having been editor of the Baptist World of Louisville, Ky. His illustrious father rendered fine service among Southern Baptists as pastor and author. He is a native of Virginia, graduated from Richmond College and the Southern Seminary. He has been Bible teacher at Blue Mountain College for a good many years. The following letter from Dr. Hatcher explains his plans: "Will you kindly state in your paper that I have accepted the position of teacher of the Bible in the Harcum School in Bryn Mawr, Penn. My sister, Mrs. O. M. Harcum, is the president and owner of the school and my daughter, Dr. Anna Hatcher, is the Academic Dean of the Harcum Junior College. Thanking you for this, and your many kindnesses, and with best wishes, I am yours sincerely, Eldridge B. Hatcher."

CONVENTION BOARD DEPARTMENT

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The writer is, therefore, trusting that pastors everywhere will lay the cause upon the hearts of their people and appeal for a generous offering and then see that the offering is forwarded to the State Board office in time for it to be counted by April 30th on this Southern Baptist Convention year's work.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Gunter,
Corresponding Secretary.

1936 RECEIPTS TO APRIL 10TH

Comparing receipts for last year, the following figures are encouraging:

Cooperative Program receipts from January 1st to April 10, 1935.....	\$ 23,459.08
Cooperative Program Receipts from January 1st to April 10, 1936.....	25,590.43
Designated receipts from January 1st to April 10, 1935.....	26,331.97
Designated receipts from January 1st to April 10, 1936.....	37,767.75
Total Cooperative and designated gifts to April 10, 1935.....	49,791.05
Total Cooperative and designated gifts to April 10, 1936.....	63,358.18

This gives a total increase for this period of time over last year for the same period of \$13,567.13.

April receipts this year to the 10th of April are \$10,710.12 as against \$8,717.95 for the first nine days of April last year.

FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

The number of W. M. U. members of the Five Thousand Club on April 8 was 426.

The number of male members was 252, making a total of 678 members.

There has been an increase since the 8th and doubtless by the time this statement reaches the reader there will be 800 in all; but the men should wake up, for the women are almost one hundred per cent ahead. The women keep on. When the men gave up and went fishing, the women went on to the tomb of the Saviour. The men caught no fish, but the women brought back the hope of centuries, the resurrection of the dead. It was their exalted privilege because of their perseverance.

Statement of receipts to the Five Thousand Club is as follows:

Receipts for January	\$ 155.10
Receipts for February	1,078.62
Receipts for March	1,781.33
Receipts to April 10.....	900.26

ASSOCIATIONAL CONFERENCES

A. F. Crittendon

Since February 18th it has been my privilege to conduct associational missionary conferences in 42 of the associations in the state. There were representatives in attendance at these conferences from 528 of the Baptist churches in Mississippi. I have sought to present in each of these conferences a program which would present as a unified whole the task assigned us by our Lord and the program of Mississippi Baptists and of Southern Baptists for doing this work of the Master. I have sought to give the representatives of the churches assembled in these conferences an opportunity to look upon the various fields of our denominational activity through the eyes of those who are giving their lives to the type of work which they represent.

In all these conferences we have endeavored to reach the leaders in the church life, urging the attendance of pastors, Sunday school superintendents, B. T. U. directors, W. M. U. presidents and deacons. The attendance has been most gratifying, both in the number present and in the quality of leadership represented.

I have been able to secure the cooperation and assistance of some of our best talent in the various fields of our denominational service. As

representatives of the Home Mission Board I have had the assistance of Dr. J. W. Beagle, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, and Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus. As representatives of the Foreign Mission Board Dr. J. F. Ray of Japan and Miss Pearl Caldwell of China have assisted. In presenting Christian Education we have had Dr. W. E. Holcomb, Dr. A. L. O'Bryant, Dr. C. A. Moulder and Mr. R. F. Bass representing Mississippi Woman's College, Dr. D. M. Nelson, Dr. W. T. Lowrey and Dr. A. A. Kitchens representing Mississippi College, and Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey representing Blue Mountain College. Dr. H. C. Bass of Meridian has presented the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club at a number of these conferences, while Miss Fannie Traylor and Mrs. I. L. Toler have represented the W. M. U. in several conferences. Rev. A. L. Goodrich has presented the claims of the Baptist Record and his plan for increasing its circulation. Miss Sue Marsh has represented the Baptist Home for Children and presented our Social Service Program, while I have discussed the Cooperative Program, Five Thousand Club and Enlistment Plans. Dr. Clay I. Hudson, associate secretary of the Department of Church Administration of the Sunday School Board, rendered invaluable service in his able discussion of "A New Testament Church and Its Program."

Fifteen associations failed to arrange for conferences at the time suggested. Conferences are planned for fifteen associations in the northern section of the state during the period of April 29-May 8. These associations are Itawamba, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Alcorn, Lee, Pontotoc, Union County, Tippah, Benton, Marshall, DeSoto, Tate, Lafayette, Panola and Riverside. For these associations we have an unusually attractive program presenting Dr. M. N. McCall and Dr. Antonio Martinez of Cuba, Dr. John A. Abernathy of China, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Miss Sue Marsh, Rev. A. L. Goodrich and Rev. A. F. Crittendon.

THANKS

To those named below for lists of subscriptions recently sent in.

You have done a good work—may others join you.

Rev. L. E. Green, Prentiss; Rev. W. V. Walker, Coldwater; Mrs. Dee Hammett, New Augusta; Mr. T. A. Teer, Pope; Mrs. J. M. Smith, Union Church; Rev. Eugene I. Farr, Bassfield; Rev. L. E. McGowan, Jackson; J. R. Longmire, Pelahatchie; Rev. W. A. Roper, Meridian; Mr. S. E. Buchanan, Drew; Mrs. Alton Grubbs, Tylertown; Mr. W. N. Taylor, Jackson; Mrs. T. A. Ford, Taylorsville; Mrs. G. A. Leggett, Seminary; Rev. L. E. Nicholson, Philadelphia; Mrs. Ada M. Hardy, Byhalia; Mrs. Rosa D. Quisenberry, Clinton; Mrs. J. P. Riser, Taylorsville; Mrs. W. W. James, Newton; Mrs. M. C. Conerly, Columbia; Mr. B. F. Owen, Osyka; Rev. C. E. Welch, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. T. D. Burrow, Mrs. Talmedge Marr, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Mrs. Floyd Echols, Albert Myers, all of Byhalia; W. F. Shows, Jackson, Route 2; Mrs. S. L. Mikell, T. F. Mann, Mrs. R. L. Carnes, Mrs. J. W. Hill, L. W. Dukes, Mrs. T. E. Alford, all of Jackson; Mrs. N. A. McElveen, Lexie; Rev. L. E. Nicholson, Philadelphia.

Sunday automobile accidents are said to number nearly one-fifth more than those of all the rest of the week combined. The way of the transgressor is still hard.

At the recent centennial of Assam Missions, a Hindu editor pointing to a crowd of 5,000 delegates, said, "Who can deny that Christian missions have succeeded? Those men were head-hunters."

We who have served a good while in the Lord's work need feel no particular uneasiness about what will become of the world when we are gone. In most cases when the younger men come into positions of responsibility there is a quickening of interest and activity. The world may not be getting better, but some things in the world are.

LET'S GO

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

A GOOD HOTEL

The Melbourne Hotel of St. Louis is running several advertisements with us.

Messengers going to St. Louis are invited to consider this hotel, for in advertising with us they help the Record. A brother acquainted with St. Louis speaks in highest terms of the Melbourne.

HELP THIS WOMAN

Mrs. R. H. Brewer of Drew does mission work at Parchman prison farm. A part of this work is teaching 50 men. She writes, "I feel like the Record could be used in a splendid way."

Will 250,000 Mississippi Baptists let this call go unheeded? Send us one, two or five dollars that we may help this good woman.

Use this coupon (mail it to the Baptist Record) For Parchman Prisoners Baptist Record Fund

Name

Address

Amount Enclosed.....

6 NOT 66

A recent issue of the Record gave a list of Hinds County subscriptions. It gave Raymond credit for 66. It should have been 6.

DEAR PASTOR

A list of Record subscriptions expiring in your town during April has been sent you. It's impossible for us to see them. There is a lot of Mississippi. But a little help from each one of you will help us "hold our own."

"Just ask them—they'll renew."

SAVE MONEY

\$5.00 pays for the Record for five years. You are saved \$2.50. And we are saved the renewal problem. Or three years for \$3.75. Or two years for \$2.75.

OLDER ONES ATTENTION

Rev. Ivan Lowrey recently moved from New Orleans to our state. He is already working on a Baptist Record campaign. He says if they read the Record it will make his work easier.

Some of our pastors who have been on the job much longer could learn from this young pastor.

WHY NOT MORE JUNIORS?

Yazoo City, Miss.,
March 18, 1936

Baptist Record:

Enclosed find subscription for the Baptist Record to be sent to Mrs. Mamie Johnson, Grand Avenue, Yazoo City, Miss.

The Junior B. T. U. of the Yazoo City Baptist Church has the credit for securing this subscription.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. N. Nesmith, Junior Leader

ASK 'EM, THEY'LL LIKE IT ALSO

Tylertown, Miss.

The Baptist Record,
Dear Sir:

I want you to continue to come. I have been reading you for about sixty years and I want you to come on.

Yours,

J. L. Bullock, Sr.

The pulpit committee of the Ackerman church consists of J. Wesley Miller, J. F. Keen and W. C. Watson.

THE W. M. U. CONVENTION

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Walton E. Lee
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Jackson, Miss., April 7, 1936

The messengers from the more than 2,000 W. M. U. organizations in the state met in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of this city on this day for the fifty-eighth session of their annual convention.

Mrs. Ned Rice, the State President, presided over each day's proceedings and at the appointed hour called this session to order. "Lead On, O King Eternal", the hymn for the year, was sung by the congregation and W. E. Lee led in prayer. In conducting the opening devotional Dr. W. A. Hewitt, the host pastor, quoted Phil. 4:19, making a brief comment and Dr. H. M. King gave another invocation.

Several special musical numbers were rendered by the choir of the host church.

The gathering was welcomed to the city in an address by Mrs. A. B. Smith, which was responded to happily by the President.

The President announced the following committees:

On Credentials: Mrs. Jno. W. Brown and the other members of the Entertainment Committee.

On Courtesy: Mrs. Bert Eberling, Mrs. J. B. Perry, Mrs. J. R. Johnston, Mrs. R. M. Martin.

On Resolutions: Mrs. Judson Chastain, Mrs. D. O. Horne, Mrs. H. E. Bishop, Mrs. R. B. Patterson.

On Memorial: Mrs. Geo. W. Riley, Mrs. A. L. Emerson, Mrs. Nat Owen, Mrs. M. L. Merritt.

An offering was made at this time according to custom to the Missionary Library Fund amounting to \$27.91.

The Annual Sermon

After necessary announcements relative to the program of tomorrow, the annual missionary sermon was preached by Dr. P. I. Lipsey from John 20:21. "As thou hast sent me even so send I also you." Three pertinent and potent truths were emphasized by Dr. Lipsey in his splendid and appropriate message. (1) The mission of the Christian in the world is the same as that of Jesus; (2) The task is the same as his; and (3) The equipment is the same. A closing prayer was led by Dr. A. F. Crittendon.

Wednesday Morning Session

The discussions throughout the proceedings were on the theme: "The Light of the World is Jesus," and the thought of this session was expressed in the motto heading the morning's program: "The fruit of the Light consists in every kind of goodness and uprightness and truth."

The day's exercises opened with a pre-session season of prayer led by Mrs. J. H. Street which was well attended and served as a fine spiritual preparation for the work ahead.

The regular program opened with the year's hymn followed by prayer led by Miss Margaret Lackey. The special burden of the prayer was the storm stricken sufferers at Tupelo.

The morning's devotion was conducted by Miss Nannie David, a returned missionary to Africa. Jno. 8:12 and I Jno. 1:4-7 were read with appropriate comment and Miss Fannie Traylor led in prayer.

Recognition of Visitors and Appointment of Nominating Committee

In the recognition of visitors, the presence of a number of returned missionaries, a number of new pastors' wives, a number of pastors in the state and several Southwide workers were noted in the convention and they were welcomed.

The following Nominating Committee was selected: District I, Mrs. H. B. St. John, Peikens; II, Mrs. J. F. Scull, Hollandale; III, Mrs. Bert Eberling, Como; IV, Mrs. Lee Merritt, New Albany; V, Mrs. J. K. Armstrong, Louisville; VI, Mrs. W. H. Howard, Forest; VII, Mrs. N. L.

Roberts, Hattiesburg; VIII, Mrs. W. R. McGeehee.

The President's Message

The message of the President is always a high point in the convention's program. Mrs. Rice discussed in a clear and helpful way "Walking In the Light." After showing in a lucid manner that as the sun is the great luminary in the physical realm so Jesus is the Light of the world spiritually. Several reasons were assigned for walking in the light: (1) To win victory; (2) To know the presence and power of the Light; (3) In order to redeem the time; and (4) Walking in the Light promotes readiness to work in the Light. Following the helpful message Dr. P. I. Lipsey led in prayer.

Report of Other Officers

The reports of Miss Fannie Traylor, Miss Edwina Robinson, Miss Nettie Ree Traylor and Miss Evie Landrum, the other state workers, were given in a playlet in the nature of an office scene depicting the varied experiences had during the year. The reports of the eight district chairmen were made as visitors in the improvised office on the stage. It proved to be a very impressive way of bringing a report of the year's work.

Miss Traylor reported an enrollment of 2,259 organizations, a net increase of 168 during the year. Societies reaching the full grade A-1 standard during the year are, Brookhaven, Clinton, Gulfport, Jackson First, Laurel First, Rose-dale, Sunflower and Sardis. In 1934 there were only two honor churches, now six are reporting, viz: Ackerman, Drew, Parkway Jackson, Tyertown, Roxie and Glendale. The week of prayer as observed by 484 unions yielded a foreign mission offering of \$12,121.83 to the Lottie Moon fund. 437 societies and auxiliaries gave \$7,327.70 to the Annie W. Armstrong offering to Home Missions. 428 W. M. S.'s and their auxiliaries gave \$6,132.41 to the Margaret Lackey offering to State Missions. The gifts during the year show an increase of more than 10 per cent. Contributions amounting to \$2,552.58 were sent direct to Baptist Home for Children besides many gifts of various kinds to the Baptist Hospital. The full quota of \$2,020.00 for the Training School and Margaret Fund was met. The reports of Miss Robinson, Young People's Secretary, and Miss Landrum the Field Worker, showed encouraging progress.

Mrs. Armstrong's Message

Among the visitors to the convention the Mississippi women felt honored in having Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, the Southwide W. M. U. President. In the opening of her message to the convention at this time, Mrs. Armstrong paid a beautiful tribute to Miss Lackey, present in the audience, referring to their former association in the work and expressing appreciation of the long helpful service Miss Lackey had rendered. This of course met a hearty response on the part of the women present. Mrs. Armstrong continued the effort to impress the theme of the meeting—"Jesus the Light of the World"—depicting the shining of the Light in the various fields of activity she had visited both in the home and foreign lands.

Miss Lackey conducted a brief devotional service, reading an appropriate scripture and Dr. H. M. King led in prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

The opening devotional services of this session consisted of voluntary quotations of scriptures and prayer led by Mrs. F. W. Armstrong. An injected feature of the program was a brief message by Dr. J. W. Newbrough relative to the Rescue Mission work in which he is engaged in New Orleans.

Reports on the W. M. U. Scholarships and

Training Schools

Mrs. A. J. Aven gave the report on the W. M. U. Scholarships and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, the state chairman, reported on the Training Schools.

Miss Emma Leachman

Present in the convention as the representative of the Home Mission Board and as an honor guest was Miss Emma Leachman. She is no stranger, having been in the convention a number of times before. In her address this afternoon the South was shown to be a ripe and responsible mission field. Those to be reached with the Light are the Negroes, Indians and many thousand foreigners already among us and coming in increasing numbers.

The 5,000 Club

Perhaps the phase of work of greatest interest just now is "The 5,000 Club" which is an effort to find 5,000 in the state who will give \$1.00 per month each to be applied on the debts of the denomination. Mrs. J. A. Anderson is the chairman of the effort in the state among the women. The women have accepted the task of securing one-half the number and Mrs. Anderson reported a membership of 400 having been secured. Dr. Gunter discussed the plan and announced that a few more than 200 had been secured among the men. The undertaking is making encouraging progress.

Margaret Fund

The report on the Margaret Fund was made by Mrs. D. M. Nelson the state chairman. It has to do with those who are to be the future Light bearers.

A closing prayer was led by Miss Pearl Caldwell.

Wednesday Night's Session The Y. W. A. Contest

During the afternoon intermission a Y. W. A. contest was held to select a young lady to represent this state in a contest to be held in Ridgecrest next summer. Six Y. W. A.'s, representing their respective districts, took part in the contest and acquitted themselves most creditably. The winner of first place was Miss Polly Love, from Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, and Miss Frances Bousha of Grenada was given second place.

Sunbeam Banquet

An enjoyable social feature in the interim of the two sessions was a banquet prepared by the women of the host church in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Sunbeam work in the state.

Young People's Program

This session was given to a consideration of the work among the young people with Miss Edwina Robinson in charge of the program. A splendid devotional message was given by Geo. Purvis, a Royal Ambassador from the New Hebron church. Dr. H. M. King led in prayer.

The Sunbeam celebration, participated in by sixty little folks, was interesting and enjoyable. Mrs. Lulie Price read the first report made to the W. M. U. Convention on the Sunbeam work, she being the author of the report and the leader in the work at that time. The convention to which it was made met in Grenada in 1897.

A most pleasing feature on the program was the Coronation Service which depicted the grades in the work that Y. W. A.'s must make leading to a crown. It was inspiring. Owing to trouble with the lights in the church candles had to be used which marred the exercises to some extent but notwithstanding the handicap the exercises were greatly enjoyed.

The address of Miss Juanita Byrd, which was to close the program, was omitted. She expressed appreciation to the women for all the interest shown in her while on the China mission field and led in prayer.

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SPIRITUAL POWER—THE NEED OF OUR CHURCHES TODAY

C. S. Thomas, Itta Bena, Miss.

Jesus did not start His disciples out on their mission until they were endued with power. To them He said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Then, and not until then were they to begin their witnessing for Him. The mission and message of New Testament churches today is the same that was incorporated in His mandatory message to His disciples just before He went away. The need is also the same. And what was the need? Jesus said: "Power." Then for a church to succeed it must have spiritual power.

A CHURCH MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL POWER TO SUCCEED IN ITS TASK OF EVANGELISM.

Its success will be commensurate only with its spiritual power. Not one soul has ever been saved independent of the work of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost under the influence of Holy Spirit preaching people "Were pricked in their hearts." Jesus said of the Holy Spirit: "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin." The church does not do the saving, but if it has spiritual power it has the Holy Spirit who alone can give a lost soul evangelical repentance. Mechanical methods may be adopted by the working forces of the church and result in a large number of additions to the church. This supplies good reading material for papers. But I am talking about being born of the Spirit. An evangelist said from my pulpit: "Seventy-five per cent of the church members are unsaved." Later, his singer asked me why this was true. I said: "If it be true, it is largely due to mechanical methods like you and the evangelist tried to put on in our Sunday school last Sunday morning." The divine sovereign agent that makes effectual application to us the blood of Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit. The church must have His power to win.

A CHURCH MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL POWER TO SUCCEED IN ALL OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

Such power would exclude all church politics and defeat all selfish ambitions. The selection of a pastor would be made only after the church had prayed "Thou Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these Thou hast chosen." There would then be a happy and successful relation between church and pastor. It might change the order of the service at times. It might exclude all time pieces at times and add a fourthly before the finally to the sermon. The selection of all other church officers would be made under the leadership of the divine Paraclete. And never according to their social or financial standing. It would insure consecrated deacons, Sunday school teachers, and all other officers. Happy and prosperous is that church that is blessed with such officers.

This power would advance our missionary program, magnify the Christ more in our teaching program, and make more effective our training program. It would pay our debts, (and also keep us out of debt) and give adequate support to all of our institutions. It would fill the vacant pews in our churches with the non-church going people. It would rid any church of all factionalism and permeate it with a spirit of conciliation and brotherly love.

This power is available, and it is the greatest need of our churches today.

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The Ministers Alliance of Hot Springs, Ark., is outspoken in its condemnation of race track gambling as it is now conducted under the sanction of their state laws. They say the revenues derived from it are as a bagatelle compared with the money taken out of the state; and that nothing so spreads the gambling mania. They denounce the conducting of gambling devices in the name of charity. They had just as well get on their fighting clothes and keep them on.

KEEPING OUR DEMOCRACY PURE

David M. Gardner, St. Petersburg, Florida

Baptists have the ideal form of government for the development of initiative in the individual. We have been criticized on the score that our churches and our denominational work, both state and Southwide, is dominated by a few self-assertive, and often self-seeking, individuals. Of course we understand the charge comes from those who speak of spiritual democracy as a "rope of sand," or as "no government."

It is a fact that democracy furnishes a fertile field for self-seekers. But it is also a fact that in a government where all the people are interested and have a voice, the self-seeker will soon be discovered and dealt with properly.

Real democracy will profit by all constructive criticism. We have no time and less disposition to take cognizance of the excrescence of cynical spirits. Much of the criticism against our work and our workers has the sound and odor of: "The scum thrown to the surface from the inward seething of small soured souls."

The glory of true democracy is in the fact that the way is always open for progress. It faces forward. The "status quo" state spells stagnation to a democracy. Nicholas Murray said thirty years since: "False democracy shouts—Every man down to the level of the average. True democracy cries—All men up to the heights of their fullest capacity for service and achievement." We are interested in promoting true democracy for ourselves and sharing its glories with all others. That is our task. True democracy like a stream moves on, and its very progress is a vital factor in keeping it pure.

All of which leads me to say that Baptists ought to give to the world a living practical demonstration of what Dr. Gambrell called, "The value of free government in religion." We have told the world a good deal about democracy in form, we need to show what it is in fact. The question arises, how shall we go about it?

1. We must cease to lean too much upon so called human leaders, either in church or denominational life. Democracy is endangered when one person or a few do the thinking for the group; and when an individual is led to believe that he must do the thinking for the group he is doubly dangerous. Baptists need but one leader—the Holy Spirit. The more we magnify human leadership the more difficult it becomes to find followers.

2. We must distribute responsibilities, and thus enlist larger numbers. That is needed in most of our churches and tragically so in our state and Southwide work. It is a sad commentary on the spirit of our democratic bodies when one is able to name the ones who will appear on our Southwide boards before the convention assemblies to elect them or to name the ones who will appear on the program of a denominational meeting before the program is made. So long as that is true, we all know that the program loses variety, but we can never know what we are losing by failing to enlist new personalities and fresh voices. Dr. Gambrell, who learned a lot about human beings in his early study of dogs, said: "If you want a dog to stay in the chase, you must let each dog follow his own nose—and let him bark a little if he likes it." There is wisdom in that homely illustration.

3. We ought to change the personnel of our state and Southwide boards oftener than we do. I am not dealing in personalities, nor would I injure any brother, but I am speaking in the interest of causes dear to all of us. There are names appearing on boards and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention today for no better reason than the fact that they were nominated ten or fifteen years ago. Such persons have learned all they will ever likely learn and have long since made their major contribution to the interests fostered by the boards. If a person remains on a single board or commission too long he is liable to become lopsided. Every board and commission of the Southern

Baptist Convention ought to have a blood transfusion every year. We need new personalities, fresh blood and brain to take the places of all members who have served as long as three years. It does not mean that the new blood and brain will be better and stronger than the old, but it will at least be fresh and result in the enlistment of a larger number of individuals.

4. We ought to constantly guard against the dangers of overlapping of state and Southwide interests, growing out of what has been called "interlocking boards and agencies." An employee of a state or Southwide board ought not to be a member of either a state or a Southwide board. Granting that he is the most capable person to represent his state on such board, yet the fact that he is responsible for certain phases or all phases of denominational work in his state or all Southern states will inevitably subject him to certain criticism from those who hold similar positions in other states and who are not members of Southwide boards. If the particular board of which he is a member gives extra attention and time to his state the board is criticized for showing partiality.

Baptists have a wonderful system of government. We did not create it. It was created for us and given to us by Christ. Our responsibility is in keeping it pure and developing its fullest capacity for good.

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SOCIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL

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Some months ago we published the full report which the committee on Social Service Bureau expects to make to the Southern Baptist Convention. That the matter may be fresh in the minds of those who go to the Convention in St. Louis, we give here simply the recommendations:

The committee recommends that the work of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention be enlarged in order to meet more adequately the moral and social problems for which we feel an increasing burden of responsibility.

1. **Function.** The work of this Commission shall be:

- (1) To investigate moral and social conditions as they affect Southern Baptist life.
- (2) To make available for our constituency accurate information concerning conditions and problems that we face in our churches and communities affecting the spiritual, moral and social welfare of our people.
- (3) By its approach to our people to seek to improve the moral life of our churches and bring the attitudes of our people on moral and social questions into accord with the mind of Christ.
- (4) In other ways approved by the Convention to seek to enlighten the public mind and arouse the public conscience upon all important moral and spiritual issues.

2. **Membership.** The membership of the Commission as at present is to be constituted of one representative from each of the states cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention and the District of Columbia, one-third of whom shall be elected each year to serve terms of three years.

3. **Officers and Committees.**

- (1) There shall be a chairman elected by the Commission.
- (2) As soon as possible the Commission shall employ an executive secretary who shall be in charge of the program of the Commission, including the collection of data from all available sources, the conduct of original research and survey and the proper dissemination of such findings at frequent intervals throughout the year.

(3) There shall be an executive committee chosen by the Commission which shall be responsible for the work of the Commission between its meetings.

4. We request the Convention to instruct the Sunday School Board to add to the present budget of the Social Service Commission (which is at present approximately \$1,200 per year) the amount of \$4,000.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Address of Mrs. Ned Rice, President at the State W. M. U. Convention.

Three times in the life of Jesus he declares Himself to be the Light of the World.

In John 8:12 he speaks: "I am the Light of the World: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

In I John 1:6 we find these words: "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness we lie and do not the truth, but if we walk in the light as He is the Light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The theme of this annual meeting centers our hearts and minds in a very definite way on Light, spiritual light. In order to realize what light—humanly speaking—means, a comparison in the physical realm might prove helpful. To impress ourselves anew with the real meaning of this blessing that is ours, one has only to go from a lighted room into the outside darkness to get the idea, or to shut the eyes very tightly and keep them shut for some hours brings the realization of what the ability to see means to us.

Recently in a national radio broadcast we were thrilled to hear the voice of Helen Keeler, that marvelous person who from the early months of her life has been not only deaf, but blind. How falteringly she spoke, naturally her enunciation was very poor, yet the fact that this one who had never heard the voice of another was speaking, greatly impressed those listening. The one who was interviewing Miss Keller asked the question "If you could choose life's choicest blessing what would it be?" "More light," she replied promptly. She would be able to evaluate properly the real meaning of this thing we call light.

Darkness is a terrible thing. Can we imagine the sun losing its place and the world in physical darkness? We recall the plight of the Egyptians, when experiencing the plague of Darkness, which we remember was the last one before the death of the first born. That is a graphic picture of darkness the 10th chapter of Exodus gives us, this intense black night settled like a pall over everything and lasted three days, "they saw not one another neither rose any from his place for three days."

We are told that sight is reaction to light. If we react properly to light rays vision is the result. Our vision is just as strong and clear and far reaching as our reaction is correct. Isn't this true in the Spiritual Kingdom? Isn't the benefit to us, of the Light of the world in proportion to the big or little way that we open our hearts and lives to this great Light? If the lenses of our mental focus are black and smoky we see shadows and gloom, if these lenses are clear and crystalline we will get a true perspective of the "rainbow of beauty." Walking in the light sends us forth looking for brightness, happiness and sunshine.

In Pilgrim's Progress the traveler met a guide called Evangelist who pointed him to a distant wicket gate. The Pilgrim could not see the gate. "Do you see yonder shining light?" asked Evangelist. "I think I do," Pilgrim replied. Then said Evangelist "Keep that light in your eye and go directly thereto, so shalt thou see the gate." Some light each of us has, if we are faithful to that light we shall come to larger vision.

To walk in the Light is to live in fellowship with the Father and Son. The presence of the Light brings consciousness of sin in the nature and sin in the life. When one dresses in a dark room and steps out perhaps feeling well groomed, the bright sunlight discloses the flaw, the imperfection that had not been known. When the Light shines in the heart the result is conviction and conversion.

A few weeks ago our papers carried the account of great ice floes in the Ohio and Missouri

Rivers. We were told that when the bright, warm sunshine came these ice jams were melted and moved away. The cold, the doubt, the despair in the heart melts and moves under the power of the Light which "grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

Why walk in the Light? To win victory over sin. We need to walk in the Light to know the presence and power of Christ. We need to walk in the Light in order to redeem the time. When the Light shines upon us many things happen to us. Acts 9 tells of Paul's experience, "Suddenly there shone round about a great light," the result was a question prompted by earnest desire in his heart, "Lord what wilt thou have me do?" He was ready, eager to serve. Walking in the Light promotes readiness to work in the Light. In the Light of His presence it is easy to hear His call to service. When this call came to Henrietta Hall Shuck and her consecrated missionary-hearted husband they were "ready to go, ready to serve, ready His will to do." They were ready to carry the Light to China, ready to live and die that those who were without the Light might come to know the Light of the world. How inspiring to us as we look back across the century and see this couple, representatives of God and of Southern Baptists, carrying the torch to the darkness of the land of the largest unreached mass of people on earth.

It was to "follow in their train" that Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves, Mississippi's own daughter, forty-nine years ago, went out to this same China, to serve in such a splendid way, in helping spread the Light. Our hearts are full of praise and gratitude for her—and for others, whom space will not allow us to name. It is fitting indeed that we have present with us as we celebrate this one hundredth anniversary of work in China, Miss Pearl Caldwell, Mrs. Mary Bibb Long Ware, and Miss Juanita Byrd—three faithful daughters of our state, who are listed with Southern Baptist Convention missionaries to China.

How much to encourage those of today to see how the Light has spread as it has been passed from individual to individual until we look at our work in China today in terms of sixty-seven thousand believers!

As we turn from the yesterday, to the present and out to the future, we feel the urge within us to be faithful to tomorrow's Light by being faithful to those of today who are tomorrow's Light-bearers . . . our boys and girls. Are we genuinely sincere in our wish to see them with world vision? Are we in earnest to the extent of helping promote the auxiliaries which are missionary organizations? Are we concerned that our quota of magazines for this past year for these boys and girls of our state was NOT met? Are we sufficiently interested to attend their meetings and see how the work for and among them is being promoted? Would we walk and work in the Light in this avenue which lends such opportunities and which promises such rich returns on investment of time and effort?

Again we have felt enthusiastic encouragement in another anniversary that this year brings. When we look back across the fifty years since the organization of our first group of Sunbeams and note the growth and progress we thank Him for those whose vision was large enough to see the importance of missionary training for the little children.

Just one other definite phase of the activities of Woman's Missionary Union we would mention, namely Enlistment. Do we realize that we are working on not more than a fifty per cent basis of our possibilities? In number of societies we can claim only half of our churches with missionary societies and isn't it really true that this same percentage is rated in active membership of the seven hundred and more societies?

As we walk and work in the Light let us give earnest consideration to the value of each woman making this matter very personal. Is it possible for me, just one member who knows the worth

of the task to pray, to love, to talk, to win another into this conception?

In the Light of His presence, when we hear His call to service it is easy to see the importance, the absolute necessity of preparation. We know this must be done through study and through prayer. Study the word and the work. His word gives us definite Light. David said "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Certainly it is through the word that we learn His will concerning the world and through further study of the "field which is the world,"—we find information and inspiration to guide us in our walk and work.

The undergirding of it all is—Prayer. Economists use the phrase "effective demand." Our wants are powerful, they get results. We live in a world where the deep and persistent wants of life are met. What is the effective demand of our prayer life? Do we really want to know God in Christ? Are we sincere in our desire to see His will done in our lives? How effective is our demand for those whom we want to see become followers of the Light? What precious privileges are ours in the prayer plans of Woman's Missionary Union. How systematic and regular and intelligent and far-reaching we can be in our praying by availing ourselves of these privileges. As we walk in the Light of His presence and as CONVERSION follows CONVICTION so—CONSECRATION follows conversion, if we are faithful to the Light. And, as we walk and work in the Light of his presence equally as important as it is for us to realize the value of individual effort, is it necessary for us to realize the value of concerted effort. CONVICTION, CONVERSION, CONSECRATION, COOPERATION would be a practical sequence. For our last which is cooperation we would illustrate with a story. There is an ancient legend that tells of a mountain village built around a lake. It was the custom each year for the inhabitants of the village to have a festival on the shores of this lake. The time of the year for the festival was the time each year when an especially luminous star appeared in the sky. One season the star did not appear and it was whispered around that the right kind of beautiful music would cause the star to re-appear. This was a village of musicians and every ambitious one repaired to the lake and each in turn played, hoping to add to his fame by causing the star to appear. The sunset faded, dusk deepened into night, but no star appeared. Weary and discouraged all had ceased to play when a little lad who owned a flute and had in his heart a great love for it, began to play softly, just for the love of the music, having not one selfishly ambitious thought. As the clear tones floated out over the lake, some one else caught up the air and began to play just for the love of the music; then another and another until the lake shore and mountain side echoed the beautiful melody and lo! the star appeared. So may we make visible to all people in all lands the Star of Bethlehem, if we love the light of the star enough to give our best in service by way of study and prayer.

"Thou Master workman grant us grace,
The challenge of our task to face,
By loyal scorn of second-best,
By effort true to meet the test."

Jesus has said "I am the Light of the world: he that followeth ME shall NOT WALK IN DARKNESS but shall have the Light of Life."

May the earnest prayer of each heart be, Lord help me to follow Thee and walk in the Light.

—BR—
"Sacred Harp" singers will meet at the Texas Centennial Exposition, June 21.

Dr. F. W. Norwood resigns City Temple Church, London, and will do evangelist work, spending two months first in America.

I was very glad to preach the commencement sermon at White Oak in Smith County, 19 graduates, last fifth Sunday night and to speak on the Scott County Convention program fifth Sunday morning at Pulaski.—A. W. Talbert.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

By R. L. BRELAND

The Tornado

A wind and electrical storm pass-
ed near Coffeeville on Sunday night
of last week leaving death and de-
vastation in its trail. Four were
killed, many were injured and many
houses were destroyed or damaged.
As we view the path of the tornado
we ask: "What hath God wrought?"
Some one said that God had nothing
to do with the wind. Well, He has
changed since the days when the
Bible was written. He controlled
the wind then. He spoke to the
wind on the sea and there was a
great calm. Lot of infidelity in the
world yet. Yes, God has all to do
with everything. He permits some
things to be done by Satan, as for
instance his work with Job; but
Satan had his limitations.

One family was entirely wiped
out: Renfro Murphree, his wife
Frances and their baby, James,
were all killed as was also a rela-
tive visiting them, Miss Belle Wil-
liams. It was the sad mission of
the writer to attend the burial of
the Murphree family. The three
bodies were buried in one long
grave with the baby between the
parents. The parents were mem-
bers of Elam Baptist Church. Much
sympathy is expressed for all the
families connected. The Lord alone
can give the needed help under such
occasions.

With all the disasters coming
upon us these days if people do not
turn to God and His service they
are hopeless. One cannot tell one
moment where he will be the next.
God is giving us a lesson whether
we profit by it or not. Our only
safety is in God. If we believe in
Him whether we live or die we are
safe.

Two Brothers Die

Two brothers of the Criss family
have died within a week's time. One,
Randolph Criss, age 51, died in the
Baptist Hospital in Memphis after

an illness of several weeks. He was
a member of New Hope Baptist
Church and his body was buried in
the church cemetery there April
5th. He was a good man, a member
of the board of supervisors of Yalo-
bussha County. He leaves his wife,
four sons and one daughter to
mourn his going. John W. Criss,
age 65, died in the Grenada Hospital
after a few days illness with pneu-
monia. He was a member of Gre-
nada Baptist Church and a deacon.
He was a member of the Masonic
fraternity. His pastor, Dr. C. E.
Patch, conducted his burial. He was
buried with Masonic honors. The
writer assisted in both burials as
both were very dear friends of his.
John W. Criss is survived by his
wife and two sons. One brother of
the family still lives, Dr. R. J.
Criss of Coffeeville. The going of
our friends and brothers makes us
sad. May the great Comforter sup-
port those bereaved.

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The terrible tornado toll at Tu-
pelo and other points shocks us. We
are in great sympathy with all
those in distress. But sympathy in
a time like this is not sufficient.
We must give them material aid.
Means speak louder than words. Be
liberal. We should give a thank of-
fering that we escaped. Maybe our
time next.

The Scuna Valley Baptist Church
has set August the first Sunday to
begin her revival meeting. Rev. O.
P. Breland who assisted there last
year has been invited to be with the
church again this year.

Cedar Grove, Yalobusha County's
baby Baptist church, is just a little
more than one year old. It has the
walls of its house of worship up
and the top on, and has practically
enough money raised to buy the
doors and windows. It is paying as
the work progresses, nothing is
bought on time. Rev. W. H. Lowri-
more is pastor and Deacon C. P.
Lee is chairman of the building
committee. "They have a mind to
work."

The monthly associational meet-
ing of the Neshoba County Baptist
Association was set to meet with
Bethsaida Baptist Church last Fri-
day. The writer acknowledges a
card from brother J. W. Burnett
asking him to attend, but conditions
prevented his doing so.

The meeting of the Southern
Baptist Convention is drawing near.
This meeting should be very inter-
esting and helpful. Meeting at St.
Louis, a city of practically a million
people, and then being in a sense a
joint meeting with the Northern
Baptist Convention lends interest.
All of our Baptists should attend
who can.

—BR—

"I AM SO GLAD I HAD EYE TROUBLE"

Everett Gill, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

—O—

We were passing through the
village of Sredanci, Yugoslavia,
where upon Vincent Vacek, our
general missionary, told me the fol-
lowing story:

In 1920 he was pastor in Detroit-
Michigan. One day he was selling
Bibles to his fellow immigrant
countrymen who indignantly refus-



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Miss., elected president Blue Moun-
tain College Student Government
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ed his heretic book, and drove him
out. A newly arrived Slavonian
looking on became interested, and
said he would like to buy a copy,
but had no money. Vacek gave him
a copy and said he could pay for it
"when he got a job."

Some time after Vacek removed
to Chicago to become pastor of a
Slavic church. The new immigrant
paid for his Bible which had led
him to Christ. Later the wife of
the new convert rejoined her hus-
band from the village of Sredanci.
She was disgusted and enraged to
find her husband had turned
"heretic." But the Bible did its
work, and in time she became a
"believer."

In 1922 Vacek returned to this
country to spend the rest of his days
evangelizing his own people. With
the sure instinct of a missionary,
among the first things he did was
to found a little monthly Baptist
paper, "The Voice of the Gospel."
Wherever I have traveled with him
during these fourteen years, he al-
ways has a supply of extra copies
with him which he gives out with
rare tact and grace. This little
sheet, in the form of a large tract,
is constantly doing its gracious
work. Multitudes of stories could
be told of this "Voice crying in the
wilderness" and turning men and
women to God. This is one. Vacek
kept in touch with the new converts
in Detroit, even after coming to
Yugoslavia. He sent copies of the
"Voice" to the village of Sredanci,
the Detroit convert paying for ten
subscriptions. Following up his lit-
erary evangelism, Vacek visited the
village, but without success. He
later sent in succession two pastor-
evangelists; but without results.
But undiscouraged, being a man of
the simplest and sincerest faith, he
bided his time.

Finally one of the readers of the
"Voice" in the village, a woman,
fell ill with a serious eye disorder
and had to go to Zagreb, Vacek's

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city. Knowing his address as edi-
tor of the paper, her husband
sought him out for counsel and help.
Knowing the director of the hos-
pital, Vacek was able to make ar-
rangements for the suffering wom-
an to be taken in. Otherwise she
would have been refused.

Upon her recovery after a num-
ber of weeks in the hospital, hus-
band and wife attended Vacek's
church in Zagreb. Both turned to
the Lord and became "believers."

Returning to their village they
at once made their home the center
of evangelism where now an inter-
ested group are seeking the Lord
and are being instructed in his
word. Frequently the new convert
is heard to exclaim, "I am so glad
I had the trouble with my eyes."

—BR—

"What kind of a dog is that?"
said the friendly lady to the little
boy with a mongrel pup.

"He's a police dog," said the lad.
"Why, he doesn't look like a police
dog," said the lady.

"No, ma'am," said the lad. "You
see, he's in the secret service."—Ex.

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THE GRACE OF GOD

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Golden Text: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." Psalm 103:13.

"Like as a father," in the same manner and degree, "pitieth his children," has compassion upon, sympathy for, has suffering with, "His" (own) "children." Here is depicted the normal father in his attitude toward his children. In their weaknesses he suffers with them, as perhaps it would be unreasonable to expect him to do in the case of children other than his own. "So the Lord." Here the Lord is compared with the best father. He is tenderly affectioned as a good father, both in quality and in degree. "Them that fear him." Those who with filial fear look to Him the Lord pities and strives to come to understanding with.

Read all the passage. Chapter 15 is a continuation of the passage beginning with V 25, chapter 14. In the closing verses of chapter 14, He gives an illustration by way of a question of His frame of mind as to his task. He is a builder who has counted the cost of the building He is proceeding to erect. He gives a second illustration in the question concerning the king who reckoned on his ability to meet in battle another king in command of a superior force. Here, as I think, He is representing Himself as being the Son of God gone forth to war. He has reckoned the chances of success and has marched down to battle. He wants followers, but He is very careful as to the kind of followers. He wants loyal soldiers. He wants devoted builders. "So likewise whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he can not be my disciples." (V. 33)

There is here a crowd of people around Him, hearing Him, interested in what He is saying. He changes His figure now to one He used a long while ago, the figure of salt. He had said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." (Matt. 5:13) Now He says, "Salt therefore is good" (V. 34) But of what good is it when it has lost its savor? "It is fit neither for the land nor the dunghill; men cast it out." Men and women are of no use to Jesus unless they have the salvatory property of salt. People who look upon Christianity as something easy and pleasant have no aseptic influence in the world, nothing to stop the spread of corruption. He ends with a challenge, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Observe the results of this challenge. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto Him to hear Him." Note the revealing connection. The men and

the women who know their own need will press close to the King and the Savior, who lifts a high standard. Notice the consequence of this drawing near of the publicans and sinners. "The Pharisees and scribes murmured." They were quite satisfied with themselves, unaffected by what He said, but are angered by what they see. "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." These critics saw the attitude of Jesus toward this unwashed crowd. "This man receiveth unto Himself," He was not aloof from them, he condescended to them as one who was willing to go down to any depth that He might get His arms about lost men and lift them out of the quagmire. He sat down and ate with them, maybe He did it upon this very occasion. He was making Himself one of a group otherwise made up of sinners, and positively eating with them. The critics meant that He, in becoming the boon companion of sinning men, would contract their defilement. Had He been such a one as His critics, they would have been right. He would have been defiled.

The Four-Fold Parable

"He spake unto them this parable." It was spoken especially to His critics, but generally to the whole multitude. And in all that He says, the theme is the grace of God. It is there from beginning to end, revealed as the explanation of what the Pharisee criticized, and unveiled as what the crowding sinners needed.

There are four phases. There is the story of the seeking shepherd, the story of the seeking woman, the story of the father as revealing his attitude towards the prodigal and his formal, legalistic, unsympathetic, self-righteous elder brother.

The church fathers who dealt with this passage made it three-fold, and set it forth in explanation as revealing in the story of the lost sheep, the attitude of Jesus; in the story of the lost coin, the work of the Holy Spirit; in the story of the prodigal, the attitude of the Father.

I. The Lost Sheep.
This says to the multitude. I seek these people because I have the shepherd heart. I love them as a shepherd who owns the sheep he tends loves his helpless charges. You remember that the figure of the shepherd was elsewhere in the Savior's mouth as setting forth His relationship to His own.

II. The Lost Coin.
The coin has intrinsic value. That which is lost is not only dear to the heart of the loser of the shepherd heart, but it has value in itself. The value is of sufficient degree to justify the searcher in all the search. Such value the coin may not have to others, but to the woman who lost it, the circumstances of its acquirement and possession make it of a value such that she dare not lose it.

III. The Lost Son.
He was from the beginning of the story a lost son. The first glimpse we catch of him reveals him as a rebel against the father's will and the restraints of the father's home. He is there, but he is an alien there. His heart is wandering far away

and he wants to wander with his heart. His heart is not right, therefore his whole life in wrong. When his heart gets right, his sore feet lead him home, where, for the first time, as far as men can see, he becomes in heart and intention the father's son. In other words, the father was originally father both as point of origin and as having the father heart and attitude; the son was not a son in any sense except that of physical descent, and that sort of sonship alone is no sonship in the view of Jesus. This son just stands for the publican and the sinner, any sinner anywhere finds his brother in this son. Of course, if this does not satisfy you, and you want to believe that "That which is born of the flesh is" spirit, you are at perfect liberty to do so. Let us trace the steps of the prodigal's wanderings.

1. Rebellion. Insubordination to his father's discipline.

2. Riot. A riot has its origin in rebellion. This riot was manifest in the indulgence to excesses of the appetites and passions in the far country whither the prodigal went.

3. Ruin. It followed the riot. Riotousness unchecked always leads to ruin, it did so in this case, it will do so in every one.

4. Reflection. Ruin is a good condition. It is the only one in which the prodigal will reflect. The bottom is a good place for the prodigal, and the rockier the bottom the better. They say a man at the bottom of a shaft or a well can look up and see the stars at mid-day.

5. Repentance. When the prodigal reflected upon his own ruin he realized his own folly, and, set over against his own folly, his father's goodness. Hence, his determination, his purpose to go the father.

6. Return. It was return from a far country, but the repentant prodigal pursued it all the way.

7. Reception. The father was ready to receive the returning

prodigal into a relationship of spirit and understanding which had never before subsisted between them.

8. Rejoicing. The father rejoiced, and this was the reason for all the rejoicing in the household. Here comes out the fact that the joy in heaven over the repentant sinner is not the joy of the angels primarily, but of the father. Our Lord said, "There is joy in the presence of the angels," and here we are told that it is the father who rejoices.

IV. The Elder Brother.

He represents the Pharisee of that far age and of this. He is the legalist, thinking to discharge his obligation to God by performing works of merit. Morose, gloomy, slavish, unloving, he will not even go to a place where he hears the sounds of rejoicing. If people are happy, they are headed for hell. He will find out what the noise of music and dancing means, but he'll not go nigh it. He will plod along and keep within the law, believing that his outward acts of conformity to commandment will keep and present him faultless before his judge. He will not defile his garments by contact with the unclean, starve for want of a crust or sink overhead in the mire for want of a helping hand. "This fellow thy son," he said with a sneer to the father, this in a word disclaiming friendship for or kinship with his brother.

Note the father's answer. "Son." See how gracious he is. I think there was no note of sharpness or impatience in his voice, but the tender yearning of the father heart over this boy who did not understand.

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PHILADELPHIA

God's blessings have surely been poured out upon Philadelphians recently. The Sunday School Convention left a "good taste." Brother Byrd, Williams & Company certainly gave us a good program. A spiritual service was experienced with brother Kyzar on Thursday night. Our folks were in high spirits on Sunday, six additions and others stately ready to come. Then, our folks were challenged by Baptist Record Mission figures showing Philadelphia First Baptist, second only to Brookhaven in totals in the state. At our quarterly business meeting the report of the treasurer revealed the budget a wee bit over paid for the three months with a fair offering to missions the Sunday before. Psalms 103:1-2 and "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof, we are glad."

Brother E. S. Cole and Mrs. Joab Langston have been pronounced spiritual leaders in Sunday school and W. M. S. We have lost temporarily our fine B. T. U. director, Mrs. Gully Yates but Miss Ruby Peeples is carrying on splendidly.

We enjoyed the visit of the Mississippi Glee Club and orchestra. The writer has not forgotten foundational values of Mississippi College days and only wishes all our young people realized the privileges that are theirs in our schools.

The "breaks" continued at the hand of the Lord with the unexpected visit of Dr. Clay I. Hudson and Miss Pearl Caldwell for the evening service of last Sunday week. They "happened" to find us with a good evening congregation and they refreshed our spirits.

Dr. W. H. Davis, Southern Baptist Seminary, is to be with us the first Sunday of May and the week following in a Bible study revival, a major program in our ministry for years with such stalwarts as Drs. Lipsey, Copass, Carver, Davis and others, and we welcome visitors, both laymen and ministers, to sit in on the services.

If this church fails in its ministry, and we do not anticipate it will, it will be only its own fault, for the assets, opportunities and latent and active leadership are at hand. A story: a little negro boy was walking down the street and saw two negroes talking. He glanced at the huge proportions of the body of one and on seeing feet housed in number thirteens exclaimed, "If dat nigger falls down it sho will be his own fault."

Our ministry is closing the second year and we have seen much harder fields and ones where efforts were less rewarded for Christ. After many years in the ministry we have decided that no field is harder than the hearts of its leaders and membership.

Our folks are enjoying the Baptist Record. Many expressions have come to us about it. Thanks again for the convention and send us another one and then some more.

Numbers 6:24-26.

Yours in Him,
D. A. McCall, Pastor.

FOUR NATIONS BOW IN
REVERENT MEMORY OF
HENRIETTA HALL
SHUCK

Inabelle G. Coleman, Pub. Secty.
Foreign Mission Board
Richmond, Va.

Aboard the S. S. President Pierce of the Dollar Steamship Lines en route from Hong Kong to Shanghai—March 10.

Reverent representatives from 4 flags gathered about the grave of Henrietta Hall Shuck this afternoon at five o'clock in beautiful Happy Halley Cemetery set like a mosaic of marble memories against emerald mountains that hover close by in magic outline against the tropical sky of the harbor city, Hong Kong, China.

Dr. George W. Truett, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and of Dallas, Texas, U. S. A., led the simple, international memorial service. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and of London, England, led the prayer of praise and dedication of Baptists in this second century for Christ in China that is dawning now.

Rev. Harold Chan, pastor of the only Baptist church in the Portuguese city of Macao to which Rev. J. Lewis Shuck and young Henrietta Hall Shuck came a hundred years ago among America's first Baptist missionaries to China, interpreted the service into the Chinese language. And Rev. Cheung Man Chin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hong Kong, the successor to the little Queen's Road church organized nearly a century ago by the pioneer missionaries, Shucks and Roberts, participated in the service also.

After reading the old and favorite story of the sacrificial gift of precious ointment poured out for Jesus, Dr. Truett stirred the hearts of the little group of Christians as he paid profound tribute to this little Virginia maiden, who, a century ago, "did what she could" for Christ and for China.

He told of the China Centennial celebration in Richmond, Virginia, U. S. A., last October 16, and of his visit to Henrietta Hall's childhood church in Kilmarnock. He commended the Baptist women of Virginia for their stimulating influence in promoting wide and far, the celebration of this century's achievements for Christ in China.

Finally, he called every one assembled about him to a rededication and reconsecration of himself and of herself to God. Praise and gratitude unto God for the life of Henrietta Hall Shuck ran throughout message.

To the English tunes but in the Chinese language, "Over There" and "We Shall Work Until He Comes" rang out over the green tree tops and echoed across the mountain ranges unto which young Henrietta Hall Shuck often lifted her eyes during those few years that she lived in Hong Kong.

As tokens of sacred memory and reverent gratitude, there were many tributes of flowers from friends of God.

In behalf of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Truett brought a large wreath of violets and freesias. Mrs. Truett placed these for the Virginia women; Miss Hattie Stallings, Southern Baptist missionary to Kweilin, South China, represented Miss Kathleen Mallory and Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, with a large basket of velvety purple dahlias and white snapdragons; a basket of red roses for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia, U. S. A., was brought to the grave by Miss Inabelle Coleman of the Board. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke expressed the sentiment of twelve million Baptists of seventy nations as he and Dr. Truett gently lay their floral tribute of white and gold chrysanthemums upon the grave of this young heroine for Christ. Many and varied floral tokens of the love and gratitude of the Chinese Christians of the Hong Kong church and vicinity were added to this flower garden of memories.

This simple service of international significance can never fade from the minds and hearts of those who were privileged to be present for this memorial hour.

LEXINGTON

Mrs. Judson Chastain, Mrs. Louis Ricks, Mrs. H. Russell and Mrs. J. F. Williams were delegates to the State Sunday School Convention at Philadelphia and they report a most pleasant and inspirational meeting. They are loud in their praise too of the hospitality of the city and its people.

Lexington Baptist Church entertained the Holmes County Fifth Sunday Associational meeting Sunday, March 29th. Good speakers were on the program and it was a very worthwhile day. It was voted to have these fifth Sunday services and the next meeting place is to be announced later.

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"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."—Proverbs 3:27.

"The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."—Proverbs 11:25.

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."—I Timothy 5:8.

"Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man."—Ecclesiastes 9:15.

Let not one of them look to us with pleading eyes, beg and be turned away. "They" gave every opportunity for wealth and riches that we might learn the story; having learned it, let us not forget it soon.

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MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

Do you like to go to commencement exercises and take part in them? I saw a pretty exercise the other day that made me think of commencement, though it was not. At a meeting of a great historical society, there came a pause in the program, and then the piano began to sound a march, and our little boys and girls, six to eight years old, perhaps, dressed in spotless white with scarlet trimmings, came stepping in, seventy of them. They fell into place, and a precious little girl, with bright eyes and charming dark curls and a baton in her hand, took charge. She bowed from the waist, and announced the piece of music they would play, and then the fun began, every one of the seventy responded. Every one took up his or her part in harmony with the piano and the young leader's stick. And could she keep time! Every tambourine, drum and triangle sounded its own note in the right place, and the small xylophone gave a cascade of them every now and then. We could see some little members counting the time. Then Mary Ann gave another deep bow, and said they would sing, "Oh, Susannah," and sing it they did, with enthusiasm and expression. And when their little program was completed the children's band of the Clinton school marched out with military precision, their scarlet scarfs fluttering, how pleased we were that these were our children! One could but think of the several good habits that had come to them from this training: attention to one thing, response to direction, concerted action, self-control. And for me, my dears, I could but wish that all of us who love our circle could move all together as they did for a set purpose. We are doing a good work, and more and more, one at a time, of our Baptist children are coming in with us, but I'm wishing for the best. And that's enough of sermon.

So many good letters this week! One from Dorothy, with her gift, and a story about five aunts who evidently think a great deal of their niece. Then Mrs. Friends letter, enclosing her check which means so much to us. And let me say here that I see our printers have made a mistake in our list of contributors for March in the Record of April 2nd. They report \$1.00 from Our Nicest Friend: I wrote Our Newest Friend! I know this lady's name, and she is nice, but I hold to it that no friend is nicer than the Clarksdale one. I'm proud that we have them both, aren't you? Returning to the letters: Fannie Mae sends her dues, and tells of a visit to her grandmother's, and of violets and red bud and dogwood. A letter from Abbie Miriam brings the Clark family's dues, and news about her school, which will be closed when you read this. You will enjoy also Mrs. McCall's recollections of the school to which she went seventy years ago. I'm sure she had a good time, and laughed and talked and played and studied, just like you do now; don't you think so? Mr. Pitts, who allows us to call him Uncle Fount, writes us a letter and sends us his birthday offering, for which we are deeply grateful. Mrs. Austin, coming to bring her dollar is sad about the dreadful cyclone in north Mississippi and Georgia, but brightens up to speak of her beautiful flowers.

Next week, I'll tell you of a happy meeting last week, but must stop now.

Much love from,
Mrs. Lipsey.

Nehemiah
Nehemiah, the sixteenth book,

was written by Nehemiah who was cup-bearer of the king of Persia, an honorable position. But he was sad on account of the condition of his homeland. The walls of the city were not yet rebuilt, so upon the king's request, he made known his wishes to the king, who granted him permission to go and rebuild the walls of the city. The king sent a guard with Nehemiah.

Nehemiah looked over the walls at night that he might see what needed to be done. He went to work at once, everybody helping, rulers, noblemen, and the people of every trade. But the enemies who are found everywhere when people are trying to do the right thing, did all they could to hinder the work. They made fun of them, saying a fox could tear it down.

But Nehemiah through faith kept right on until the wall was completed, much to the displeasure of the enemy. Sanballat, who seemed to be the worst, worried them from time to time, in different ways. Nehemiah, returned to the king of Persia leaving some others to watch the walls and guard the city.

The book of the law was found and by request Ezra read the law to the people. This must have been a great time, a time of worship, a pretty sight, where all were listening to the word of God.

It was at the time of the feast of the Tabernacle, which was in commemoration of the wanderings in the wilderness. After this fast day they spent six hours a day hearing the word of God, and confessing their sins. Nehemiah did much to re-people the land and bring about a reform.

They dedicated the walls of the city the same as the temple, it was the best way of having protection. The day they dedicated the walls was one of much rejoicing.

For what king was Nehemiah cup-bearer?

Who was given a chamber in the temple?

What was the name of the king's palace?

Whose son was Nehemiah?
Mrs. Beulah Mayo

Slate Springs, Miss.,
April 4, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Isn't it cold today? But I certainly have been enjoying the few spring days that we have had. And I have been enjoying the flowers too. Aunt Addie gave me a bunch of violets last year and I planted them. I forgot them until this year when I saw several little heart-shaped leaves sticking up above the ground. They grew so very fast and a few days ago it was full of blooms. Aunt Dora gave me the prettiest bouquet of hyacinths and I have enjoyed them so much. Then I visited Aunt Mabel and she gave me a bouquet of different kinds of flowers. Aunt Maude gives me ginger cakes and Aunt Bessie gives me pets. So you see I have all of the flowers, cakes, and pets that I want. Now don't you think that I have the very best aunts in all the state? And I must not leave my Pappy out for he is the dearest and best of all. Just two more weeks till school is out and I am sorry for we are losing our good teacher.

Am sending 10c for the orphans and B. B. I.

Much love,
Dorothy Ladell Doolittle
Five aunts? You are greatly blessed, Dorothy. Don't worry about the teacher, you will grow to love the new one just as much. Thank you for the money.

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Friend

Thank you once more, so much. I had hoped I might meet you at the W. M. U. State Convention just closed in Jackson, but was disappointed.

Wesson, Miss.,
April 6, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have been busy at school, so I haven't had much time to write. We have only nine more days of school.

I am remembering the birthday offering. I will have a birthday in May.

We are going to have a play and a Mother Goose operetta at the close of school. I don't know if I will be glad when school is out or not.

I am enclosing one dollar (\$1.00) for dues.

With love,
Abbie Miriam Clark
For dues and for news, accept our thanks, Abbie Miriam. You will enjoy the play and the operetta, I'm sure.

Dear children:

I am sure this talk on my early school days will seem absurd to many of you, or even to your mothers, but I am giving you my own experience and many of your grandmothers know of the very same.

We had no public or free schools until I was 12 or 14 years of age, so I'm writing of conditions in the country places at that time. The buildings were very crude, made of hewn logs, usually, a cabin of one room about 18x20 feet, one door, no windows except sometimes an opening above a desk across one end of the room, with a swinging, 12 or 14 inch plank, to be raised or lowered as needed. Seats of punch-eons, with two legs at each end, and no backs.

We had no tablets, no pencils except for our slates, and no blackboards. Usually children were taught the alphabet at home, so at school we were commenced with spelling, then reading. About the third reader we studied Davis' Arithmetic, Smith's grammar, and primary geography, afterwards Webster's dictionary. Spelling and reading being stressed. We had no grading, and did not speak of "language" and "math." Now of course, I'm a bit old-fashioned, for when the children speak of the language or math lesson I fell like saying, "Do you mean French or Latin, or algebra or geometry?"

Instead of expression or reading, we had our speeches, dialogues and our own compositions, usually on Friday afternoons, never having heard of themes or recitals. At the end of the school we had an exhibition, a great event in our lives.

I can readily see that many of the methods of today are far better, but I do see too, that we have faulty spelling and reading.

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Mrs. P. I. Lipsey,
Clinton, Miss.

My dear good woman:

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Three cheers for Mrs. Phillips for suggesting a penny a year for each milestone we pass.

Mrs. Lipsey, enclosed find check for one dollar, for which take 85 pennies and pour them out on Bro. Mize's table. The third day of this month I passed the 85th milestone in life. Use the plus as suits you.

Thank the Lord for His much goodness and many mercies to all of us.

Uncle Fount.

Thank you, sir, for the money, and I am giving the extra 15 cents to the B. B. I. scholarship.

Taylor, Miss.,
April 6, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Am sending one dollar (\$1.00) for Jeannie Lipsey Club dues. Glad to see our Phillips' birthday offerings doing so nicely.

I heard over the radio this A. M. about the tornado at Tupelo last night also in Georgia. Isn't it sad, but if we stop and think awhile, how people are forgetting God, we need not wonder at these disasters we have. "God moves in a mysterious way."

Flowers are blooming. I have tulips, they are beautiful. The freeze got some of my hydrangea buds.

With love,

Mrs. M. G. Austin

We must not forget, Mrs. Austin, what a poet said long ago, "God's in His Heaven, all's well with the world." I know your flowers are pretty, I wish I could see them.

Olive Branch, Miss.,
April 2, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Last Sunday I went to my grandmother (Ma) Hardy's out in the country, and in the afternoon we went to the woods to look for wild violets. They were so pretty and so many of them. Margaret and I ran a race to see who could pick the most. The red bud trees were in full bloom and a few wild plum. The dogwood is budded but not in bloom yet. Mother told me a pretty legend of why the flowers of the dogwood are shaped as they are. Christ was being crucified and all the trees in the forest were talking about it and the dogwood said, "To show my love for my Master my flowers will be crosses and on the bud of each petal of the flower will be a drop of blood, and every year when one looks at me

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We come to Jackson April 24-25 for our Statewide Associational B. T. U. Officers' Conference. This conference is jointly sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Mississippi Baptist Training Union. The Calvary Baptist Church will be the host church, the program begins at 10:30 the morning of the 24th and closes 12:30 the 25th. We hope that every association may be represented. We are to have with us as speakers and conference leaders, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Williams, Mr. J. E. Lambdin, Mr. W. A. Harrell, all of Nashville; Mr. H. S. Sauls of Mobile, and Mrs. A. L. Crawley of Blue Mountain. Pray that this meeting shall be everything the Lord wants it to be. The program follows:

Friday, April 24, 1936

Morning

- 10:30—Song Service led by Rev. W. L. Compere.
- 10:40—Devotional, led by Rev. J. E. McGraw.
- 10:50—"The Purpose of this Meeting," Auber J. Wilds.
- 11:20—"Reaching Every Baptist Church in Mississippi for Christ," W. A. Harrell.
- 12:00—Message by State Mission Secretary, Dr. R. B. Gunter.
- 12:30—Adjourn for Lunch.

Afternoon

- 1:30—Song Service, led by Rev. W. L. Compere.
- 1:40—Devotional, led by Rev. G. C. Hodge.
- 1:50—General Conference, led by W. A. Harrell.
- 2:40—Sectional Conferences—
 1. Associational and Group Directors and Secretaries, W. A. Harrell.
 2. Adult Leaders, Mr. J. E. Lambdin.
 3. Senior Leaders, Mr. H. S. Sauls.
 4. Intermediate Leaders, Mrs. A. L. Crawley.
 - Junior Leaders, Mrs. J. O. Williams.

- 4:25—Song.
- 4:30—General Conference—State, State, District and Associational Objectives and Goals, Auber J. Wilds.
- 5:00—Adjourn.

Evening

- 7:00—Song Service, led by Rev. W. L. Compere.
- 7:10—Devotional, led by Rev. A. W. Talbert.
- 7:20—Department Presentation—
 1. Adults, J. E. Lambdin.
 2. Seniors, H. S. Sauls
 3. Int., Mrs. A. L. Crawley.
 4. Jrs., Mrs. L. O. Williams.
 5. Story Hour.
- 7:45—Message on Baptist Student Union.
- 8:00—Sectional Conferences as in Afternoon.

- 8:50—Song.
- 8:55—Five Year Program, Dr. J. O. Williams.
- 9:30—Adjourn.

Saturday, April 25

Morning

- 8:45—Song Service, led by Rev. W. L. Compere.
- 8:55—Devotional, led by Rev. E. I. Farr.
- 9:05—Sectional Conferences as on Friday.
- 10:20—General Conference—Meetings, Campaigns, Training Schools, W. A. Harrell.
- 11:05—Response from Associational Directors.
- 11:55—Song.
- 12:00—"Plans for the Future," W. A. Harrell.
- 12:30—Final Adjournment.

Have you sent in your report for last quarter? Not too late, do it now.

A B. Y. P. U. is as strong as its committee work. It is through the work of committees that the individual members receive training in church membership. A union operating without functioning committees is like a car hitting on one out of six.

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COMMITTEE CORNER

For Sunday, April 26

Don't forget to have your monthly business meeting before the month has slipped by. If your B. Y. P. U. elected officers at the beginning of the quarter, are all the committees working? Is everyone sure of his duty?

PROGRAM COMMITTEE—Seniors—Use the suggestions in the Quarterly. This far in advance there will be plenty of time to get some of the extra material that will add so much to the program.

Intermediates—Your program is also about Shuck. Get suggestions for extra helps from the Senior Quarterly. Let the group captains in each union get together and "swap" ideas and helps. If possible get some Chinese curios. Additional information about the Shucks can be obtained from the W. M. U.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE—Seniors and Intermediates—Decorate the room with pictures or anything that may be secured to give a Chinese effect. If the union is small it might be effective to sit on the floor on sofa pillows placed in a circle.

INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE—Have a "shendsa" race (a shendsa is a crude vehicle used in some parts of China to carry baggage and people—it is like a mattress supported by bamboo slats and tied on two long poles). Let the quizz

leaders make a picture of one for each group, moving them forward as a member of that group answers his question.

—BR—

B.T.U. ATTENDANCE APRIL 12

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Jackson, Calvary Church	150
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—BR—

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When he was asked the reason for his delay, he said he didn't think it was an accident—the snake bit him on purpose.

—BR—

An old westerner entered a cafe and ordered a steak. The waitress brought it to him, cooked very rare.

Westerner: "Take this back and cook it, my girl. I've seen cows that weren't hurt no more than that, get well!"—B.

THE CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

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he will know Jesus died on the cross for him."

I know we are going to enjoy helping Miss Parnell at the B. B. I. I like her already because she wrote you such a nice letter. My Jeannie Lipsey Club dues now will be one dollar for her and one for the orphans.

With love,

Fannie Mae Henley.

That is a sweet story, Fannie Mae. And it makes me happy that you like Miss Parnell. So grateful for the money.

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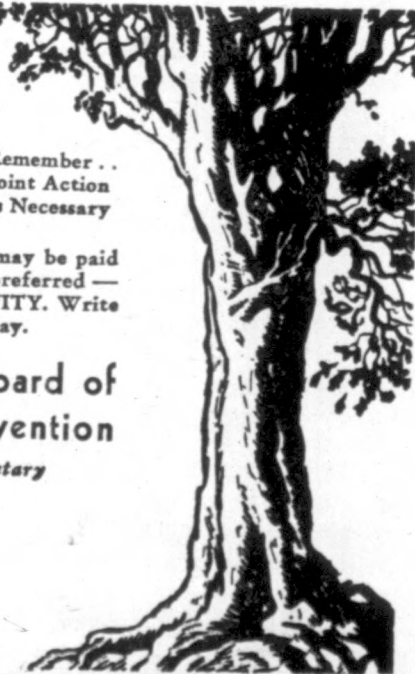
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Baptist Student Union

B. S. U. at Clarke College

With the installation of new officers and an inspirational address as the features of the evening, the annual Clarke College B. S. U. banquet was held April 2 in the college dining hall.

Dr. N. L. Roberts, head of the Christianity department of Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg was the featured speaker of the evening. Dr. Roberts spoke on "The B. S. U., the Group on the Campus that the Master can trust."

The new officers for the next school session were installed with the impressive candle-lighting ceremony. Officers for the past session were: Rev. J. R. Davis, president; Ruth Reeves, first vice-president; Hardee Kennedy, second vice-president; Katherine Wilson, third vice-president; James Weaver, secretary; L. O. Coggin, treasurer; Kathryn Miley, reporter; Helen Mae Nutt, pianist; and Bowen Beverly, chorister.

Newly elected officers are: Hardee Kennedy, president; Marie Holland, first vice-president; Lester White, second vice-president; J. C. Murphy, third vice-president; E. Allbritton, secretary; Ben Toland, treasurer; Lucille Bounds, reporter, and T. E. Williams, chorister.

The dining hall was lovely with its decorations of spring blossoms. Flowers in low bowls were placed along the tables. The hall was lighted with tall green tapers carrying out a green and white motif. The place cards were also green and white bearing the organizations monogram.

An interested musical program was rendered preceeding the installation service by members of the local student body.

—Kathryn Miley, Reporter

Blue Mountain College B. S. U. Theresa Anderson

Under the capable leadership of our consecrated President, Rowena Gunter, our B. S. U. has had a very successful year, and we prophesy for the union of next year a glorious session of service, for . . . Let us introduce to you our newly elected President of the Baptist Student Union—Theresa Anderson of Canton, China. Theresa, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson, missionaries to China will be a member of next year's Junior class. When she came to Blue Mountain two years ago her abilities were immediately recognized—whereupon, among other officers she was elected secretary of the Freshman class. This year, her Sophomore year, she has been efficiently serving as the third vice-president of the Baptist Student Union. In this official capacity as noon-day prayer meeting leader Theresa has proved to her friends, for her acquaintances are her friends, that she is quite capable of being an outstanding leader. She herself is the very epitome of a youthful and active Christian, original, energetic, in-

telligent, consecrated, and bent on serving her Master. It was with prayerful consideration that she was chosen for this important position, and we doubt not but that Theresa was His choice.

Lourie Strickland, Reporter.

B. S. U. at Woman's College

A blazing campfire was the center around which a group of students met for vesper services. The fire, crackling as it burned and sending sparks up into the air, seemed to extend its warmth right into the hearts of the girls and draw them closer to God. Thus inspired, they were able to sing their favorite hymns with a new meaning. Convincing in its emphatic message was the talk of Roma Faye Vinson, president of the B. S. U. Council. Standing together in a group drawn closer by the common purpose of all—service for the Master—the girls prayed with sincerity and new hope. This unique manner of having vespers was so successful that requests have been made that a similar service be held in the near future.

Because Saturday, April 4, was Parents' Day and Home Coming Day, there were numerous interesting visitors on the campus. One of the most important was Rev. F. D. Hewitt of the Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Fulfilling every expectation in an admirable manner, Rev. Hewitt conducted services in Immanuel Church the week-end of April 4-5. Mr. Hewitt has accepted the call to be pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church. A few weeks ago brother Hewitt visited the church and M. W. C. campus, at which time he proved that he would become the sincere friend and co-workers of every student and member of Immanuel Church. Every one is looking forward to May 1 when Rev. Hewitt will come to Hattiesburg to begin his ministry in Immanuel Church.

Outstanding in its sincerity and effectiveness was the program given in the general assembly of Sunday school by the State Teachers' College B. S. U. The main features of the program were the devotional read by Miss Doris Guy, president of the S. T. C. B. S. U. Council, and the splendid talk given by Mr. Doris Rivers on "Readiness in Life."

In the individual unions of the B. S. U., special attention was given to unusual rendition of programs and Bible "quizzes." In the general assembly, a shadow play, "The Good Shepherd," was given, based on the twenty-third Psalm.

Anne Lowrey, Reporter.

Flo: "My uncle was overcome by the heat the other day."

Marge: "What! How'd he get overcome at this season of the year when it's so cold?"

Flo: "Well, he was trying to learn to cook, and the cookbook said 'Sit on stove and don't stir.'—B.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Cash contributions to Baptist Orphanage for week of March 30-April 4:

In Memory of Mrs. Luther Sexton	\$ 2.00
W.M.U., Lena, Miss.	1.00
Fidelis S.S. Class, Grenada W.M.S., Blue Mountain	1.00
Jennie Sandifer Circle W. M.S., Gulfport	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kees, Magee	1.00
D. C. Ware, Magee	6.00
W.M.S., Yazoo City	1.00
Philathea S.S. Class, First Church, Greenwood	1.50
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W.M.S., Utica	2.00
Central Bap. Ch., McComb ..	4.00
1st Bap. Ch., Greenwood....	3.00
Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Children's Circle, Bap. Record	21.39
T.E.L. Class, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg	17.80
Bettie J. Langley, Jackson W.M.S., Clarksdale	2.00
Baptist Convention Board, Cooperative Program	3.00
Baptist Convention Board, Specials	247.53
T.E.L. Class, First Baptist Church, Gulfport	141.64
Miss Frances L. Beckman, Inverness	1.00
W.M.S., Seminary	4.35
H. E. Merrill, Carrollton	1.00
Total	\$ 472.21

Contributions of supplies for the week of March 30-April 4:

From; Place; To whom; Contents.
D. A. Gregory, Greenwood, Louise Hyde, clothing.

W.M.U., Houlika, Myrtle Williams. shoes-clothing.

W.M.S., Mrs. T. A. Shumate, Greenwood, Clara Mae Lee, clothing.

W.M.S., Mrs. Taylor, Eupora, Donald Carraway, clothing-shoes.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. No. 2, Kosciusko, Willie Ruth Davis, clothing.

Circle No. 1, W. M. S., Hazlehurst, Wilner Lee, clothing-shoes.

T. E. L. Class, Magee, Audrey Floyd, clothing-shoes.

WILLIAMS AND LOVE, EVANGELISTS

Howard S. Williams, prominent lay-evangelist from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is this week conducting a successful revival campaign in the Walthall County courthouse in Tylertown.

Henry E. Love, who has been song leader for Mr. Williams for the past

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eight months is in charge of the music for the meeting. Henry, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. L. Love, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and graduated from Mississippi College last spring.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Love attended and took a prominent part on the convention program of the International Evangelistic Association which met in its annual session in Dayton, Ohio, early in the year.

After leaving Tylertown they will go to Stockton, Ala., to begin a series of revival services there April 15.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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stand, was devoid of love and lacking utterly in sympathy for his brother.

Of course the father knew how empty the forms of obedience into which the elder son ran all his living, but here there is no word of sharp reproach, but only a tender, infinite yearning over this poor graceless bigot. "This fellow thy brother," said the father, in this phrase affirming his own fatherhood of the boy who had been away, a fatherhood the yearning, benevolent, beneficent, forgiving, long-suffering character of which no prodigal conduct can alter or obliterate, and the relationship which the elder brother had tactily denied as subsisting between himself and the prodigal only a minute before. He "was dead," said the father referring to the condition of the prodigal before he repented. That is the designation of people who have not repented from their sin and are, therefore, lost. But now he is alive. Alive to correspondence of purpose and spirit with those of the father, alive to the joy of the father's society, alive to hope and aspiration after the good.

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W. M. U. CONVENTION

(Continued from page 6)

Thursday Morning Session

The pre-session season of prayer held yesterday morning was repeated this morning with Mrs. J. H. Street leading again.

"Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung and Miss Nannie David conducted the morning's devotions, reading Luke 12:32-38 with impressive comments. Mrs. Ned Rice led in prayer.

Entertainment Committee

Time was given to the local committee on entertainment to express their joy in the work of receiving and caring for the convention which was done in a hospitable manner. Mrs. P. B. Bridges presented the chairmen of the different committees.

Christian Literature

"Light" being the general theme of the convention it was appropriate to regard the printed page as one of the chief means of disseminating light. Under the consideration of Christian Literature:

(1) Mrs. J. H. Nutt, chairman of Mission Study in the state, made report which showed that during the past year 1,400 study classes had been conducted, an increase of 200. That 2,500 more women and young people had received seals than last year. Mrs. T. T. Brown spoke to the report, showing by a style chart how the mission study is conducted in the First Church of Hattiesburg from which she comes.

(2) Mrs. A. J. Aven gave a report of the general publications of the denomination in celebration of the Jubilee of the Literature Department.

(3) Mrs. Carl Kosanke in the playlet given by bevy of boys and girls from the Brookhaven church presented in an effective way the different publications of the W. M. U.

The Baptist Home

Miss Sue Marsh brought a splendid report on the Baptist Home full of information relative to the work being done caring for the boys and girls in the Home and bearing an earnest plea for more hearty, liberal and sympathetic support of the institution.

A Memorial Service

In the language of the President it was fitting that a pause be made in the proceeding to pay tribute to those who have passed away during the year. Mrs. Geo. W. Riley paid this tribute, the assembly standing with bowed heads, thanking God in prayer for their consecrated lives and entreating grace to follow the Light as these followed Him.

Stewardship

"Reflecting the Light Through Stewardship" was the subject of an address by Mrs. Herman Dean, chairman in the state. Mrs. Dean expressed pleasure at having received a report during the year from every one of the eight districts. A deepening interest in stewardship was shown to prevail among the women of the state.

A special musical number was rendered by Mrs. Sam Hawthorn.

The Light In China

Honored guests of the convention were brother and sister J. H. Ware returned missionaries to China. Bro. Ware is a Georgian by birth but Mrs. Ware is a Mississippian, formerly Miss Mary Bibb Long of Tupelo. They came directly from Tupelo, having been in the recent tornado that wrecked the city. Brother Ware spoke of the experience as indescribable. The message he brought relative to their work in China was replete with instances of the dispelling of the darkness and superstition by the Light they carried to this heathen land. The earnest message was followed by a brief consecration period by Miss Lackey which closed this session.

Thursday Afternoon Session

"Oh, How I Love Jesus" was sung and Mrs. I. L. Toler led in prayer. A call for scripture quotations met with a hearty response and the doxology was sung.

Personal Service

Mrs. M. O. Patterson, Personal Service Chairman of the state, made report and in an address emphasized this form of ministry as a means of letting the Light shine. In acts of personal ministry we exemplify the character of the Lord Jesus and our lives should be such as that "others shall see Jesus through us."

The Hospital

Mrs. Karenza Kilfoy, the superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, brought an interesting report of the splendid work being done there. The report showed the Hospital has been full for the past six months and that if service is needed, except emergency cases, reservation has to be made in advance. The greatest need of the institution now, said Miss Gilfoy, is more room.

Miss Byrd Speaks

The session last night had to be curtailed owing to the going out of the lights and an address by Miss Juanita Byrd had to be dispensed with. She brought a brief message at this time on the Educational Work of China in which she is engaged.

Reports of Committees

(1) Mrs. Brown, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported an attendance of 1,005 on the sessions of the convention.

(2) Several resolutions, upon recommendation of the committee were adopted, among them one condemning the plan of theaters giving a Sunday show to aid the storm sufferers.

(3) The report of the Courtesy Committee by Mrs. Bert Eberling in the report of the Committee on Courtesy expressed grateful thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the success of this meeting. It was adopted heartily.

(4) In the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nominations the following state officials to serve during the coming year were chosen:

Report of Nominating Committee

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following names for officers for next convention year:

President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

Vice-President—Mrs. G. W. Riley, Clinton, Miss.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. M. O. Patterson, Clinton, Miss.

Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. J. H. Nutt, Rosedale.

Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Gala Paxton, Greenville.

Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson.

Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton.

District Chairmen:

I—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City.

II—Mrs. M. F. Doughty, Shaw.

III—Mrs. R. Pressgrove, Grenada.

IV—Mrs. J. F. Measells, Amory.

V—Mrs. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman.

VI—Mrs. H. F. Broach, Meridian.

VII—Mrs. J. H. Matthews, Gulfport.

VIII—Mrs. I. L. Toler, Gloster.

District Young People's Leaders:

I—Mrs. Judson Chastain, Lexington.

II—Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni.

III—Mrs. E. P. Barr, Como.

IV—Mrs. Silas Cooper, Tupelo.

V—Mrs. Leslie Brown, Kosciusko.

VI—Mrs. J. H. Street, Meridian.

VII—Mrs. E. C. Fishel, Hattiesburg.

VIII—Mrs. L. B. O'Mara, New Hebron.

We also recommend First Church, Hattiesburg, for the meeting place in 1937.

Hattiesburg was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Light In Palestine

The session closed with an interesting and informing message on how the Light has triumphed in Palestine by Mrs. J. Wash Watts a returned missionary to that land. Mrs. J. H. Ware, nee Miss Mary Bibb Long, led in a fervent closing prayer.

Thursday Night Session

The closing session of the convention was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, the program of which was the centennial celebration of the founding of mission work in China by the Rev. Shuck. The Shuck Centennial Pageant was rendered by Mrs. N. T. Day which proved a fitting climax to the three days' proceedings in which supreme emphasis had been placed on "The Light of the World In Jesus."

LELAND

The Leland Baptist Church has just closed one of the most successful Training Schools in our history. It was church-wide in scope and over 100 persons were enrolled. There was an average attendance of 85 during the five nights, March 30-April 3. The following courses were offered:

Building a Standard Sunday

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School, taught by Rev. A. M. Herrington, Camden, Ark.

When Do Teachers Teach? taught by Rev. Wallace R. Rogers, Hope, Ark.

Stewardship in the Life of Youth, taught by Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Oxford, Miss.

Church Music, taught by Arthur Nelson, singer, Charleston, Mo.

Planning a Life, taught by Mrs. E. A. Bates, Leland, Miss.

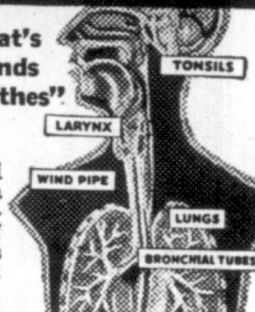
The Baptist People, taught by the pastor.

The visiting members of the faculty spoke at the inspirational period each evening and Mr. Nelson had charge of the music. We are deeply grateful for the splendid service rendered by these visiting instructors.

E. H. Westmoreland, Pastor.

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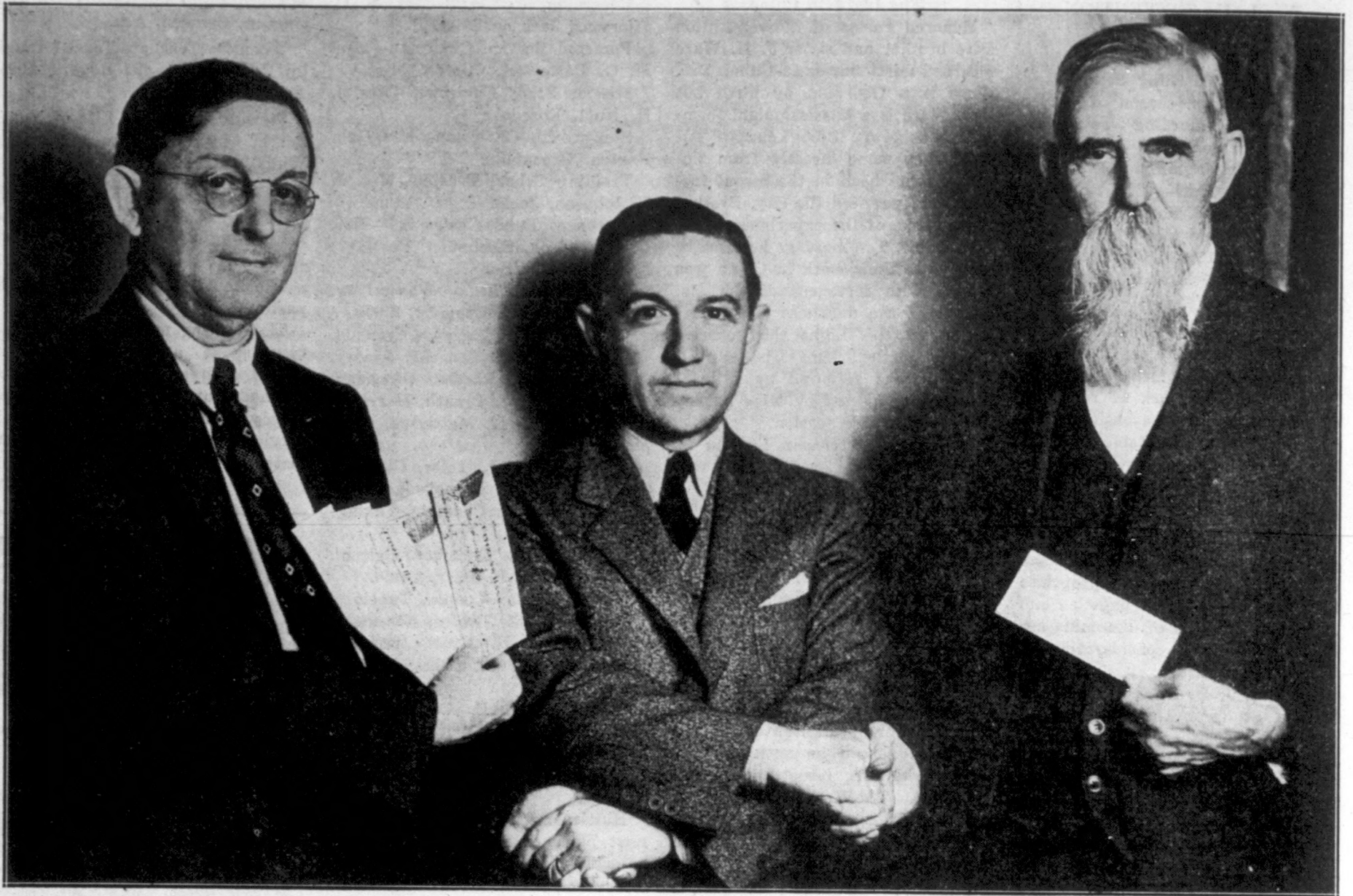
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"\$10,000 CASH IN HAND"

R. W. Dunn, W. E. Holcomb, president of Mississippi Woman's College, and W. S. F. Tatum with the checks representing the \$10,000 Support Fund for the Mississippi Woman's College session of 1935-36. Mr. Tatum agreed to give half the amount if the remainder were subscribed by the Baptists of Hattiesburg.

Mr. Dunn is shown holding the checks from the four Baptist churches: Main Street, Fifth Ave., First Church, and Immanuel, while Mr. Tatum holds his personal check for \$5,000.

The Support Fund of \$10,000 was pledged by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention in 1922 and withdrawn this year. This amount will accrue in interest each year from the additional endowment Woman's College is now seeking to raise in its Emergency Endowment Campaign.

S. S. ATTENDANCE APRIL 12TH	
Jackson, First Church	1,019
Jackson, Calvary Church	958
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	787
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	326
Jackson, Parkway Church	239
Jackson, Northside Church	120
Meridian, First Church	739
Brookhaven, First Church	596
Laurel, West Laurel Church	507
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	282
Laurel, Wausau Church	48
Beulah Church (Jones Co.)	28
Clarksdale Baptist Church	428
Clinton Baptist Church	383
Springfield Church (Scott Co.)	121
Springfield Church (4-5-36)	126

The major political parties in this country constantly accuse each other of being the cause of financial depression. And they may both be right. But what should concern us more is who opens the flood gates of unrighteousness and brings in the era of moral and spiritual degeneration.

Now that Mussolini seems to have had success in his barbarous war to bring civilization to Ethiopia, he is increasing his demands before he will consider peace. He probably never read in the Bible about the man who said, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built," and then was sentenced to live like an ox till his hair grew long and his nails had become like an animal's claws. God is in his heavens, and the hearts of rulers are in his hands.

All will agree that the war of Italy on the Ethiopians is about the most unreasonable, cruel, heartless and un-Christian of any war in a thousand years. Religious leaders the world over have raised their voices in protest with no uncertain sound. Has the pope of Rome, in the heart of Italy, raised his little finger, or ever wiggled his much kissed toe in protest? Yet he claims to be the only avenue of approach of man to God. Heaven forbid!—J. W. C. in Religious Herald.

Dr. Cammack quotes from the New York Times to the effect that Bellevue Hospital in New York City in preprohibition days had as high as 11,307 women patients

treated for alcoholism in one year. During prohibition this dropped to 2,091. In 1935 the number went back up to 9,139. This is the sort of temperance that the repeal of the prohibition amendment brought in. And do you think we will support a man who had little enough sense to believe that repeal of the prohibition amendment would bring temperance and morality?

Our people have been fond of quoting the words of the Lord Jesus that "the gates of hell shall not be able to prevail against" the church, as assurance of the perpetuity and survival of the church. You needn't be worried about the perpetuity of the church and you needn't be hunting for it among the debris of the centuries. Jesus wasn't talking about the survival of the church. He was talking about the church knocking the life out of the devil and all his works. He did not bother to say the gates of the church would prevail. He said that the gates of hell would not survive the onslaughts of the church. The church will survive all right if it will make it its business to see that the gates of hell are battered down. Let's get on the job. There is good work ahead and assurance of success.

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Dr. L. R. Scarborough has been asked by the Foreign Mission Board to accompany Dr. Maddry this summer to South America in an evangelistic tour. Dr. Scarborough will receive no compensation. Friends of missions are asked to bear the expense of the trip.

Street Car Conductor: "How old are you, little girl?"

Little Boston Girl: "If the corporation doesn't object, I'd rather to pay full fare and keep my own statistics."—Delaware Motorist.

"When I was once in danger from a lion," said the explorer, "I tried sitting down and staring at him, as I had no weapons."

"How did it work?"
 "Perfectly. The lion didn't even offer to touch me."

"Strange! How do you account for it?"

"Well, sometimes I've thought it was because I sat on the top branch of a very tall tree."—High Road.

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